

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT BAY :
COMMISSION – GENERAL RATE : DOCKET NO. 4478
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DIVISION RESPONSE TO THE
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May 22, 2014

COMM 4-1 With regard to compensated absences, please provide your analysis establishing that the \$53,900 amount is appropriate. Was this amount determined based upon wage savings from vacancies, delays in filling positions and/ or new hires at lower salaries?

Response:

The \$53,900 amount is the amount paid to the three employees that received payment for accrued sick leave in FY 2013, as identified in the response to COM 1-32. Mr. Catlin used this amount based on NBC’s experience over the period FY 2009 through FY 2013, during which three or four employees received payouts for unused sick leave in each year. \$53,900 was the largest payout in any of those years. No adjustment was made to the payout to account for wage savings from vacancies, delays in filling positions and/or new hires at lower salaries.

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COMM 4-2 With regard to the Special Master funds, why is a two year amortization period proposed rather than a flow back of the entire amount to customers?

Response:

Mr. Catlin used a two year period to flow the remaining Special Master funds back to ratepayers based on the expectation that the rates approved in this case will be in effect for two years, and based on the two year time period which was used for the prior amortization of Special Master funds in Docket No. 3797. If NBC intends to file another rate case in one year, Mr. Catlin would agree that a one-year flow-back of the fund balance is reasonable.