

Record Request No. 1

Request:

Referencing PUC Exhibit 6, how does the donation to Boston College in 2017 benefit Rhode Island ratepayers? How does the donation to RI NGA 2017, Inc. benefit Rhode Island ratepayers?

Response:

The 2017 donation to Boston College was provided to the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship (BCCCC). The BCCCC is a national membership-supported 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing the field of corporate citizenship. National Grid's membership provides access to research, executive education, expert insights, and tools that enable the Company to execute its charitable giving and corporate citizenship programs in a manner that maximizes their social benefit to all National Grid customers. Accordingly, this charitable contribution expense was allocated across National Grid operating companies in all three states. For purposes of determining the rate year level of charitable donations requested for recovery in this docket, amounts donated to BCCCC were removed from the test year level of charitable contributions included in the Company's cost of service.

RI NGA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that was created for the purpose of planning and executing the summer 2017 meeting of the National Governors Association, which was held in Providence, Rhode Island. National Grid's donation in support of this organization benefitted Rhode Island customers and communities by providing national exposure and economic development opportunities to Rhode Island businesses, arts, natural attractions, and other tourism destinations. For purposes of determining the rate year level of charitable donations requested for recovery in this docket, amounts donated to RI NGA, Inc. were a component of the test year level of charitable contributions included in the Company's cost of service.