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Good afternoon Cindy and Luly,

I hope you are safe and sound and in good spirits.

Please excuse the informality of this message, which I am offering with respect to the open meeting scheduled for Monday in Docket 5022.

The Division has no objection to an extension of the Commission's prohibition on "collections activities... including termination of service for nonpayment" for nonresidential customers after March 31, 2020 (Order No. 23786), if determined to be appropriate and necessary by the Commission in view of the continuing COVID-19 crisis. To the extent that Rhode Island businesses remain economically stressed from the impacts of the COVID-19 virus, it would not be unreasonable to further postpone utility collection activities until the effects of the virus are determined to be reasonably mitigated.

Respectfully,

John Spirito
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