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Good afternoon Cindy and Luly,

Please excuse the informality of this message, which I am offering with respect to the open meeting scheduled for April 13, 2020, in Docket 5022.

As in its previous comments in this docket, the Division has no objection to a further extension of the Commission's prohibition on "collections activities... including termination of service for nonpayment" for both residential and nonresidential customers after April 15, 2020 (See Order Nos. 23786 and 23807), if determined to be appropriate and necessary by the Commission in view of the continuing COVID-19 crisis. To the extent that Rhode Island residents and 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,

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