STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF SERVICE TERMINATIONS

AND CERTAIN COLLECTIONS ACTIVITIES : DOCKET NO. 5022

DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

**ORDER** 

(Granting National Grid's Request for an Extension of Time to Comply with Credit Card/Debit Card Fee Waiver)

Whereas, On May 28, 2020, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) ordered public

utilities subject to Order No. 23836, in this docket, to temporarily suspend late fees, interest

charges, credit card fees, debit card fees, and ACH fees effective June 1, 2020; and

Whereas, On June 4, 2020, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid filed

with the PUC a request for an extension of time until July 3, 2020, to implement the suspension of

credit card and debit card fees due to delays caused by the vendors through whom credit card and

debit cards are processed; and

Whereas, After an exchange of discovery, the PUC granted National Grid's request for an

extension of time until July 3, 2020, finding that it was impossible for National Grid to comply

with that portion of the order prior to that date.

Accordingly, it is hereby,

(23854) ORDERED:

Effective July 3, 2020, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid shall

temporarily suspend credit card fees and debit card fees. National Grid should track all such

suspended fees that are not collected and that are not included in its revenue requirement for later

review by the PUC. This order will be reviewed in September 2020.

## EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, ON JULY 3, 2020, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JUNE 25, 2020. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON JUNE 25, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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