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Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Massaro, Luly (PUC)
Cc: Jennifer Wood
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : RI PUC terminations on hold for RI emergency extension

Dear Luly Massaro, Clerk, RI Public Utilities Commission,

Please pass this on to RI PUC Commissioners.

As you are aware Governor McKee extended the State of Rhode Island state of emergency through July 9th, 2021. Although National Grid has already sent out thousands of termination notices for the end of June, we hope that you put a hold on terminations considering the extension of the emergency declaration. Considering the Governor has extended the state emergency, we hope that National Grid and other utilities operating in RI will not conduct utility terminations during this extended period.

Please let us know if you will request that National Grid not conduct any terminations until the State of RI Emergency Declaration is ended. We all know what a challenging year has been for all of us and our loved ones, neighbors and fellow workers. As reported on page 5A of Sunday's Providence Journal, Rhode Island had the second-most known coronavirus cases per capita among the 50 states since the beginning of the pandemic and Rhode Island has had the fourth-most deaths per capita among the 50 states since the beginning of the pandemic.

We have already been working with our members and the public at large who have received termination notices at the end of June. Syncing up utility policy with state policy will allow for more utility consumers to enroll in payment plans to avoid terminations.

Sincerely,
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