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## Memo

To: Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

From: John Bell, Rhode Island Public Utilities and Carriers Jennifer Kallay, Synapse Energy Economics Courtney Lane, Synapse Energy Economics Tim Woolf, Synapse Energy Economics

Date: April 13, 2021

Re: Docket 5096 – 2021 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") respectfully offers the following comments on The Narragansett Electric Company's ("National Grid" or the "Company") Docket 5096 – 2021 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan ("2021 RES Plan"). The Division's comments are based on review of the 2021 RES Plan, responses provided by the Company to Division and Public Utility Commission ("PUC") discovery, participation in the PUC's March 26<sup>th</sup> hearing, and supplemental testimony filed by James Ruebenacker on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

James Ruebenacker's April 9<sup>th</sup> supplemental testimony requests confirmation of the PUC's approval of modifications to the 2020 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan ("2020 RES Plan") to reflect the proposed modifications included in the 2021 RES Plan. The Division wishes to take this opportunity to clarify its position on the 2021 RES Plan. The Division supports the 2021 RES Plan modifications and finds that the Company's proposed changes are in ratepayers' best interest in 2020 and moving forward.