

Regarding Docket D-16-113

Please note that my interest in all matters is consumer driven. I am neither a lawyer nor a supplier, but I have a comprehensive history from all sides.

Regarding D-16-113, I do believe that a financial basis needs to be met for all licensed NPP's and that it should be scalable. A flat rate of \$250,000.00 meted out to all would dwindle the applicant pool, make doing business in Rhode Island less desirable and lessen the available choices to the consumer. We need more viable NPP's to find Rhode Island to be a user-friendly state, acknowledging both its size and total prospective business. If the security amount is too large, NPP's may opt to present financial security to another state where their opportunities are greater. Thus, a financial requirement beginning at \$100,000.00 would appeal to smaller, newer NPP's (parameters to TBD) maintaining a desire to enter the state. The number should be commensurate with each NPP's capabilities. I know that it was discussed that garnishing that information may be time consuming and burdensome, but it was also noted that National Grid must have some record of each NPP's volume. Either way there should be a real financial security offered to the state for any NPP servicing it, but it should not be so prohibitive that few wish to do so.

Also, I believe that forcing an NPP to present real collateral to be present in Rhode Island will further protect the consumer. Too many NPP's have proven to have little consideration for the consumer and a more substantial financial requirement may assist in securing quality ones. Again, each NPP has volume capability differences, so a scalable security investment is fair, yet not a deterrent.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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