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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 4978 – 2022 Last Resort Service Procurement Plan  
Proposed Last Resort Service Rates for the Residential, Commercial & Industrial  
Groups For Effect October 2022  
Responses to Record Requests**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (“Rhode Island Energy” or the “Company”), enclosed please find an electronic version<sup>1</sup> of the Company’s responses to Record Request Nos 3 and 5.

This transmittal completes the Company’s responses to the record requests issued at the Public Utilities Commission’s Evidentiary Hearing on September 16 and 19, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew S. Marcaccio".

Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4978 Service List  
Christy Hetherington, Esq.  
John Bell, Division

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<sup>1</sup> Per a communication from Commission counsel on October 4, 2021, the Company is submitting an electronic version of this filing followed by six (6) hard copies filed with the Clerk within 24 hours of the electronic filing.

The Narragansett Electric Company  
d/b/a Rhode Island Energy  
RIPUC Docket No. 4978  
In Re: Last Resort Service (LRS) Procurement Plan  
Proposed LRS Rates for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Customers  
For Effect October 2022  
Responses to the Record Requests  
Issued at the Commission’s Evidentiary Hearings  
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Record Request No. 3

Request:

Using 3 years of data, please provide the number of newly activated last resort service (“LRS”) customers and number of LRS customers whose service has been discontinued.

Response:

Please see the table below that provides the new electric historic connections and electric disconnections by year. The data includes connections and disconnection for all Residential Rate Classes.

Year	New Connections	Service Disconnections
2019	103,523	100,759
2020	91,795	90,017
2021	88,744	87,405
2022*	55,555	55,411

\*Data through August 31, 2022

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Record Request No. 5

Request:

Would joining a municipal aggregation plan impact a customer's budget billing plan?

Response:

Under current rules, once a customer begins to receive their supply through a municipal aggregation plan (or through any nonregulated power producer or "NPP"), in determining budget billing amounts, the commodity (i.e., electric supply) charge would be excluded from their delivery service charges and no longer be factored into the customer's budget billing amount. The customer may continue to participate in the Company's budget billing plan, which would include only their delivery service charges, without any disturbance or penalty.

At the evidentiary hearing held on September 19, 2022, in this docket, Good Energy's witness testified that the municipal aggregation plans will participate in the Purchase of Receivables ("POR") Program. Because the Company will be purchasing the receivables of the NPP selected by the municipal aggregation, the customer would still continue to receive one bill from the Company that separately displays delivery service and electric supply regardless of whether or not they participate in budget billing.

From a municipal aggregator's standpoint, under the POR Program, the Company's payment to the NPP selected by the municipal aggregation would not change based on the fact that a customer has chosen to participate in a budget billing plan (i.e., the amount billed would be paid by the Company to the NPP, net of the Standard Complete Billing Percentage). Please see the Company's responses to PUC 1-3 and PUC 1-4 in Docket No. 5073, which are provided as Attachment RR 5-1 and Attachment RR 5-2, respectively.

The Narragansett Electric Company  
d/b/a National Grid  
In Re: Petition of Retail Energy Supply Association of  
Purchase of Receivables Program  
Terms and Conditions for Municipal Aggregators and  
Non-Regulated Power Producers  
Responses to the Commission's First Set of Data Requests  
Issued on September 27, 2021

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PUC 1-3

Request:

Referencing Exhibit 1A, page 16 of 76, the first paragraph of section b – Will there be separate tracking and reporting for budget billing customers? If so, please explain. If not, why not?

Response:

There will not be separate tracking and reporting for budget billing customers. The referenced language was intended to make it clear that non-regulated power producers will be paid based on amounts billed based on actual usage in a month as opposed to the amounts due from a customer in accordance with a budget plan. Please see the response to PUC 1-4.

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PUC 1-4

Request:

Referencing Exhibit 1A, page 16 of 76, the second paragraph of section b – How will budget billing be factored in? What percentage payment used? The premise behind this question is that customers can enroll in budget billing at any time and, by definition, are in arrears some points of the years and not in others.

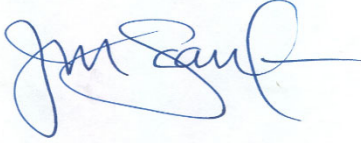
Response:

The Company will use the same Standard Complete Billing Percentage for a given customer class regardless of whether a customer is on budget billing or not. The payment to an NPP would not change based on the fact that a customer has chosen to participate in a budget billing plan. The payment to the NPP will always be based on the customer's actual amount billed based on their usage during any given month.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



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Joanne M. Scanlon

September 23, 2022

Date

**Docket No. 4978 – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy –  
2021 Last Resort Service Procurement Plan  
Service List updated 8/29/2022**

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