

March 14, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket No. 4978 –The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy’s
Proposal to Recover Deferred Customer Charge
Reply Comments**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), this letter represents the Company’s reply to the comments and positions submitted by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”); Peter F. Neronha, Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island (“Attorney General”); and the George Wiley Center in connection with the Company’s proposal to recover the deferred customer charge filed with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in the above-referenced docket on December 13, 2022. As explained herein, the Company does not object to the alternative proposal submitted by the Attorney General, which was also supported by the George Wiley Center.

For background, the Company’s proposal is to (1) collect the deferred customer charge by doubling the customer charge during the period of April 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, (2) credit any overcollection to the Company’s Storm Contingency Fund, and (3) recover any undercollection through the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism. The guiding principle supporting the Company’s proposal was to collect the deferred customer charge prior to the 2023-2024 winter rate season, which begins October 1, 2023.

The Division supports the Company’s proposal. The Attorney General suggested an alternative proposal through which the Company would recover the deferred customer charge through equal installments during the first three months of the summer rate season (i.e., April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023) as opposed to the entire six-month period of the summer rate season. The George Wiley Center supports the Attorney General’s alternative proposal. The Company has no objection to the Attorney General’s alternative proposal, which is consistent with the Company’s guiding principle noted above. If the Commission approves the Attorney General’s alternative proposal, the Company requests that the Commission approve the two other components of the Company’s proposal: (1) to credit any overcollection to the Storm Contingency Fund and (2) to recover any undercollection through the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism.

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

Sincerely,

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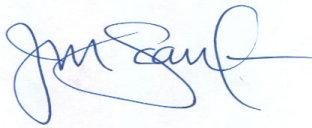
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cc: Docket No. 4978 Service List

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Joanne M. Scanlon

March 14, 2023

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