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Luly Massaro
Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket No. 22-07-GE

Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) writes in connection with the above matter. The Settlement¹ reached between PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings LLC (collectively “PPL”) and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General (“AG”) is unambiguously clear. *“Within 60 days of closing, PPL shall provide a credit to all Narragansett’s electric and gas distribution customers in the total amount of \$50 million. . . Each electric customer will receive the same credit, and each gas customer will receive the same credit.”* The sale of The Narragansett Electric Company closed on May 25, 2022. The sixty-day time period expired on July 24, 2022.

The Settlement reached in Docket No. D-21-09 was negotiated as a private settlement. As such, the terms of the settlement are enforceable only through a private enforcement action and the Commission is without jurisdiction to consider the pending tariff advice. *In Re: Pawtucket Water Supply Bd. General Rate Case*, Docket No. 2674, Order No. 15664

¹ On or about May 19th, PPL and the AG entered into a private settlement agreement whereby PPL agreed to take particular actions deemed “Additional Commitments” negotiated to resolve the AG’s administrative appeal of the Division Order in Docket D-21-09 that granted authority for the transfer of ownership of The Narragansett Electric Company.

(1998) (contract interpretations are “beyond the purview” of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission).

Rhode Island Energy, therefore, should issue the entire promised credit to Rhode Island Energy customers forthwith pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers



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