

January 12, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket No. 22-50-EL - The Narragansett Electric Company's
Tariff Advice to Provide RGGI Bill Credits to A-60 Customers
Clarification of Eligible Customer Group for February RGGI Bill Credit**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the "Company") this letter represents a request for clarification related to a vote taken by the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") during an Open Meeting on December 20, 2022 in connection with the above-referenced docket. The purpose of the request is to clarify the group of customers who will be eligible to receive the February 2023 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") bill credit. The Company is requesting that the eligible group of customers be all A-60 customers who are issued a bill in February regardless of whether or not they were enrolled in the A-60 rate class during the November and December 2022 billing periods.

Background

On November 23, 2022, the Company filed a proposed tariff¹ to govern the utilization of RGGI auction proceeds to provide bill credits to customers in the A-60 rate class during the month of February 2023 ("Feb RGGI Tariff"). It was the Company's intent that the eligible customer group as described in the Feb RGGI Tariff be all A-60 customers who are issued a bill in February 2023. On December 20, 2022, the PUC approved the Feb RGGI Tariff as filed. However, based on the position memorandum issued by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") dated December 16, 2022,² and commentary by the PUC at the December 20, 2022 Open Meeting, the Company believes its intent was not aligned with how the Division and the PUC interpreted the Feb RGGI Tariff's eligible customer group.

Requested Action

The Company respectfully requests that the PUC find that the Company's interpretation of the approved Feb RGGI Tariff is acceptable meaning the eligible group of customers will be

¹ See https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2022-11/2250-RIE-Tariff-RGGIBillCredit%2011-23-22_0.pdf

² See <https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2022-12/2250-DIV-Memo%2012-16-22.pdf>

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all A-60 customers who are issued a bill in February. The Company believes no additional action is needed in terms of amending the prior vote or the language of the approved Feb RGGI Tariff.

No Objections to Requested Action

The Company held a virtual meeting with representatives of the Division and the Office of Energy Resources (“OER”) prior to filing this letter. The Division and OER did not have any objections to the Company executing the approved Feb RGGI Tariff in alignment with the Company’s intent meaning the eligible group of customers will be all A-60 customers who are issued a bill in February.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,

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

Andrew S. Marcaccio

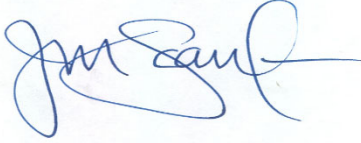
Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 22-50-EL via Docket No. 4978 Service List

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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.



Joanne M. Scanlon

January 12, 2023

Date

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Service List updated 8/29/2022**

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