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RE: Docket No. 23-02-EL – The Narragansett Electric Company’s Tariff Advice to Provide RGGI Bill Credits to A-60 Customers – March 2023

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”), please accept for filing the attached memorandum from John Bell, Division Chief Accountant, which provides the agency’s comments regarding the above referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this submission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Christy Hetherington

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Enclosure

cc: 23-02-EL Service List
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**From: John Bell, Chief Accountant
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On January 24, 2023, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the "Company") filed with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") a tariff advice to create a new tariff for the purpose of governing the use of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") funds to provide customer bill credits for A-60 rate class customers. The purpose of this memo is to provide the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' ("Division") comments on the filing.

The key points of the proposed tariff are as follows:

- Total available RGGI funds for bill credit: \$1.5M.
- Eligibility: Electric distribution customers enrolled in the A-60 rate class that are issued a bill during the month of March 2023.
- The bill credit amount will be \$41.45.
- The bill credit will be included on bills issued from March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.
- If the total amount of bill credits is less than \$1.5M, the unused funds will be returned to the Office of Energy Resources.
- If the total amount of bill credits exceeds \$1.5M, the Company will recover the difference through the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism ("RDM").

The Division reviewed the proposed tariff and did not note any concerns. The only potential impact on the general body of ratepayers would be if the total credits exceeded the \$1.5M RGGI allocation. Even if this were to occur, the Division does not believe the amount would be sizable and any impact on rates would be negligible because the excess would be recovered from all ratepayers through the RDM over 12 months. Based on our review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the proposed tariff as filed.