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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket No. 22-53-EL – The Narragansett Electric Company
Proposed FY 2024 Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Plan
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 3**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), I have enclosed the Company’s responses to the Public Utilities Commission’s Third Set of Data Requests, consisting of one data request, in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions or concerns, 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 No. 22-53-EL Service List

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Request:

Dyer Street Substation

Referring to the 4th quarter FY 2019 ISR Report page 16 of 25, the company identified \$845,000 of spending related to Dyer Street.

<https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/eventsactions/docket/4783-NGrid-ElecISR-Q4-FY2019-%28PUC-5-15-19%29.pdf>

On pages 40 & 41 of the March 9, 2023 hearing transcript in Docket 5209 the witness, Mr. Arthur, affirms that \$845,000 of FY 2019 spending was related to Dyer Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: So if you can just give one to Mr. Arthur anyway and counsel.

There's a line item in this report which is reporting how much was actually spent in fiscal year 2019. And it said Dyer Street substation and the actual expenditures were \$845,000 and there's a column which talks about a variance cause because it was underspending. It said projects spending less than budgeted due to delays in receiving permit approvals. But what I'm asking about is the \$845,000 that's recorded there. What would those expenses have related to in fiscal year 2019? Would that have been the design and permitting activities associated with the substation that was going to be located at the DC building?

MR. ARTHUR: Yes. That's accurate.

Referring to the 4th quarter FY 2020 ISR Report page 12 of 22, the company identified \$732,000 of spending related to Dyer Street.

<https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/eventsactions/docket/4915-NGrid-Revised-ElecISR-Q4-FY2020-%28PUC-5-20-2020%29.pdf>

On page 42 of the March 9, 2023 hearing transcript in Docket 5209 the witness, Mr. Arthur, affirms that \$732,000 of FY 2020 spending was related to Dyer Street.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is from Docket 4915 and it was a quarterly report, the fourth quarter report, and it was similar. There's a line item for Dyer Street, and you'll be receiving it in a second, and it had the column for actual was \$732,000. So this would have been expending through March 31st, 2020 according to the page report if I'm understanding that correctly and it says, "The most recent cost estimates are higher than expected. The company is pausing this project." The \$732,000, since you paused the project in February, is it fair to assume that 732 was related to the continuing permitting process and preparing the RFP that went out and all the activities associated with doing the substation at the DC building?

MR. ARTHUR: That's fair to assume, yes.

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Request (continued):

In the response to PUC 1-7 (b)(iii) in the instant docket, the company identifies \$855,000 of cost related to Dyer Street that “will not be placed into service”.

Please explain why the amount that will not be placed into service related to Dyer Street is \$855,000 and not \$1,577,000 (\$845k + \$732k) given Mr. Arthur affirmed \$1,577,000 is permitting, design and RFP work related to the DC site.

Response:

The Company reviewed the referenced costs after the Docket 5209 hearing on March 9, 2022, in which the Company provided the testimony referenced in this data request regarding the costs in the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Q4 Reports.

In its response to Record Request #2, the Company estimated that \$0.855 million related to the DC site at the original Dyer St location and \$1.125 million relates to the ongoing South Street (Dyer) project.

The Company has since confirmed these values. The \$1.125 million being placed into service includes:

- Costs that directly benefit the ongoing project which include a transformer payment and distribution line design.
- An allocation of other costs that could not be easily separated, which the Company determined on a square foot percentage allocation.

The table below summarizes how the Company allocated the actual costs between the portion of the project not being placed into service (Dyer St Alternative) and the portion being used at the new location (South St Alternative).

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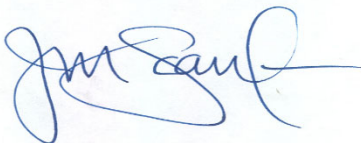
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	A	B	C
	Dyer St Location Alternative	South St Location Alternative	Total
Labor & Benefits	\$ 133,333	\$ 164,693	\$ 298,027
Environmental Consultant	\$ 142,329		\$ 142,329
Structural Engineer	\$ 230,846		\$ 230,846
Contractors - Other	\$ 122,204	\$ 71,806	\$ 194,010
Materials - Transformer Payment	\$ -	\$ 418,649	\$ 418,649
Other	\$ 226,512	\$ 236,050	\$ 462,562
Distribution Substation Total	\$ 855,224	\$ 891,199	\$ 1,746,423
			\$ -
Distribution Line Costs	\$ -	\$ 234,032	\$ 234,032
Total	\$ 855,224	\$ 1,125,231	\$ 1,980,455

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Joanne M. Scanlon

March 6, 2023

Date

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