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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
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
Response to Record Request No. 21**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), enclosed, please find the Company’s unredacted response to Record Request No. 21 in the above-referenced matter.

The Company is submitting the unredacted version of Record Request No. 21 in accordance with the directive it received at the Commission’s evidentiary hearing on March 20, 2023.

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
John Bell, Division

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a Rhode Island Energy
RIPUC Docket No. 22-53-EL

In Re: Proposed FY 2024 Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan
Responses to the Record Requests
Issued at the Commission’s Evidentiary Hearings
On March 8 and 9, 2023

Record Request No. 21

Request:

With respect to the recloser programs, please provide a comparative cost of using RI Energy crews versus outside contractors.

Response:

To ensure an apples-to-apples installation cost comparison, the Company focused on work orders that were solely designed for recloser installations during a similar time of year for both an internal crew and contractor crew. When internal crews and contractors install reclosers as part of larger projects, it is difficult to isolate those specific costs from the other construction activities. The time of year restriction ensured we are not looking at productivity changes due to either summer or winter construction. The data set that met these requirements included reclosers installed in December 2022. The size of the sample is twelve; nine being installed by internal crews and three by contractors.

The costs shown in the table below include internal labor and benefits, contractor invoices, and construction equipment actuals for all the work orders. The average cost for the internally installed reclosers was \$26,462 and for contractor installations the average cost was \$24,852. Considering the small sample size, traffic control/site condition differences, and variations in the actual scope, these costs are essentially identical.

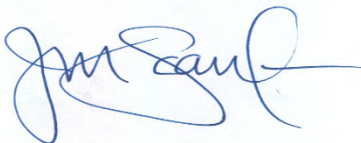
Recloser Labor/Contractor Cost Summary - (Construction Complete Reclosers Installed in December 2022)			
Installation Resources	Number of PTRs	Total Labor Installation Costs* for all PTRs	Average Labor Installation Cost per PTR
Contractors	3	\$74,556	\$24,852
Internal Crews	9	\$238,160	\$26,462
Combined	12	\$312,716	\$26,060

* Cost data as of March 10, 2023 includes labor, benefits, construction vehicles, and contractor costs

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

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Joanne M. Scanlon

March 20, 2023

Date

**Docket No. 22-53-EL – RI Energy’s Electric ISR Plan FY 2024
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