

July 28, 2023

#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

RE: Docket No. 22-07-GE – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's Tariff Advice Filing – Bill Credits for Electric and Gas Customers Proposal for Remaining Credit Balance

Dear Ms. Massaro:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy ("Rhode Island Energy" or the "Company") is filing this letter with the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to provide an update regarding the implementation of the \$50 million one-time customer bill credit pursuant to the electric and gas Customer Bill Credit tariff provisions approved by the Commission at its Open Meetings held on September 23, 2022, and September 28, 2022, effective November 1, 2022 (see Order No. 24533 issued on October 28, 2022 in the above-referenced docket).

After implementing the \$50 million one-time customer bill credit in November 2022 as provided in the Settlement Agreement by and among PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, and Peter F. Neronha, Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island, dated as of May 19, 2022, Rhode Island Energy has calculated a balance of \$4,958.00 (\$4,542.16 for electric and \$415.84 for gas) that remains to be credited to customers. Please see the table below for the calculation.

	Electric	Gas	Total
Bill Credit	\$32,500,000.00	\$ 17,500,000.00	\$50,000,000.00
Nov. 2022 Actual	\$32,495,457.84	\$ 17,499,584.16	\$49,995,042.00
Balance	\$ 4,542.16	\$ 415.84	\$ 4,958.00

The reason for the above electric and gas balances is that the customer counts used to determine the one-time bill credit amounts were the customer counts as of November 1, 2022. Because of the high volume of credits, the credits had to be posted over five days, and some accounts were finalized after November 1, 2022, but before the posting date for the credit on the account.

The Company proposes to credit the remaining \$4,542.16 balance to electric customers through a credit to the Storm Contingency Fund, which currently has a deficit balance. The Company proposes to credit the Storm Contingency Fund effective on the date of the

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Commission's decision on this proposal. The Company proposes to credit the remaining \$415.84 balance to gas customers through the Company's next annual Distribution Adjustment Charge filing with the Public Utilities Commission on August 1, 2023. The Attorney General confirmed to the Company that the Company's proposal is acceptable to him (please see <a href="Attachment 1">Attachment 1</a>). The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division") also confirmed to the Company that the Company's proposal is acceptable to the Division and authorized the Company to reflect the Division's agreement with the Company's proposal in this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-578-2700.

Very truly yours,

Celia B. O'Brien

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Attachment

cc: Docket No. 22-07-GE Service List

From: Nicholas Vaz <NVaz@riag.ri.gov>
Sent: Nonday, April 17, 2023 11:26 AM

To: O'Brien, Celia

**Cc:** Sarah Rice; Maria Bedell

**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 22-07-GE - Customer Bill Credit - Proposal for Remaining Balance

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Good morning Celia,

Thank you for reaching out on this. I have had an opportunity to confer with the office and wanted to provide you with our response.

Per your prior email below:

The Company proposes to credit the remaining \$4,542.16 balance to electric customers through a credit to the Storm Contingency Fund, which currently has a deficit balance. The Company proposes to credit the remaining \$415.84 balance to gas customers through the Company's next annual Distribution Adjustment Charge filing with the Public Utilities Commission on August 1, 2023.

That proposal is acceptable to our office.

Please let me know should you have any questions or need to discuss anything further.

Best,

Nick

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From: O'Brien, Celia <COBrien@pplweb.com>

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2023 9:02 AM **To:** Nicholas Vaz <NVaz@riag.ri.gov>

Subject: RE: Docket No. 22-07-GE - Customer Bill Credit - Proposal for Remaining Balance

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# Good morning,

Hope you had a nice weekend. I'm following up to find out whether the Company's proposal outlined below is acceptable to the RI Attorney General.

Thank you.

Celia

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## **Business Use**

From: O'Brien, Celia

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 5:34 PM **To:** Nicholas Vaz <NVaz@riag.ri.gov>

Subject: Docket No. 22-07-GE - Customer Bill Credit - Proposal for Remaining Balance

Hi Nick,

As we discussed last week, after implementing the \$50 million one-time customer bill credit in November 2022 pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated as of May 19, 2022, Rhode Island Energy has calculated a balance of \$4,958.00 (\$4,542.16 for electric and \$415.84 for gas) that remains to be credited to customers. Please see the table below for the calculation.

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Please let me know if the Company's proposal described above is acceptable.

Thank you.

Celia

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Joanne M. Scanlon

July 28, 2023

Date

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Docket No. 22-08-GE – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy - Petition for Authority to Forgive Certain Arrearages for Low-Income and Protected Customers

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