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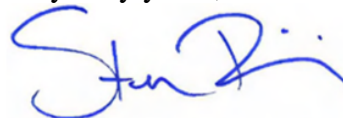
Dear Ms. Massaro:

**Re: Docket No. 23-23-NG - Rhode Island Distribution Adjustment Charge Filing  
Responses to Division Data Request – Set 6 (Full Set)**

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (“Rhode Island Energy” or the “Company”), I have enclosed the Company’s responses to the Sixth Set of Data Requests (Full Set) issued by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers in the above-referenced docket.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Steven J. Boyajian

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September 22, 2023

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**Docket No. 23-23-NG – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy 2023 Gas  
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2023 Distribution Adjustment Clause (DAC)  
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d/b/a Rhode Island Energy  
RIPUC Docket No. 23-23-NG  
In Re: Rhode Island Energy Distribution Adjustment Charge Filing  
Responses to Division's Sixth Set of Data Requests  
Issued September 7, 2023

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Division 6-1

Request:

Please show and explain how the one-time bill credits that were issued to customers during CY 2022 resulting from the AG Settlement Agreement were reflected in the Gas Revenue Decoupling Reconciliation.

Response:

Effective November 1, 2022, the Company issued one-time uniform bill credits to all customers that amounted to a total credit amount of \$17.5 million. These credits did not affect the Company's gas distribution revenue due to the way they were processed (i.e., as a result of the manner in which they were processed the gas distribution revenue used by the Company for purposes of the Gas Revenue Decoupling Mechanism already excluded the impact of the one-time uniform bill credits). Consequently, the one-time uniform bill credits had no bearing on the Gas Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Reconciliation for the period April 2022 through March 2023.

Division 6-2

Request:

Reference the Company's response to Division 3-8. Please confirm whether the Company's limited ability to terminate customers' service in CY 2021 was related to the COVID pandemic. If not, please explain what limited the Company's ability to terminate customers due to bad debts.

Response:

Yes, the Company's limited ability to terminate customers' service during calendar year ("CY") 2021 was related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Docket No. 5022, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") granted several customer protections beginning March 16, 2020, in response to the pandemic, most of which remained in effect during CY2021, including the following:

[A]ny residential customer whose utility service has been terminated by [the Company] for non-payment or who has a Termination date scheduled will be entitled to have such service restored by [the Company] upon satisfaction of certain conditions:

(a) for a customer owing less than \$1000, 10% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 18 months;

(b) for a customer owing at least \$1000 but less than \$2500, 10% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 24 months;

(c) for a customer owing \$2500 or more, 10% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 36 months unless the Company chooses to extend such time period;

In addition to the down payments specified above, customers must pay current bills within the time period allowed by [the Company]. A formal commitment to receive funds from any social service agency for all or part of the additional down payment shall be considered compliance with the provisions of the Rules, provided that the customer has satisfied the other conditions set forth above.

The customer protection set forth above remains in effect.

Division 6-3

Request:

Reference the September 1, 2023 Supplemental Testimony of Witnesses Blazunas and Shields at page 12, lines 5 to 11.

- a. Please identify the various costs that Rhode Island Energy has recorded (or is currently recording) pursuant to Order No. 24424 in Docket No. 5022. Please indicate the accounts in which these costs are recorded and the balance for the most recent month available.
- b. The witnesses state: "Rhode Island Energy has decided to not seek recovery of the waived processing fees as a part of this DAC filing application; however, Rhode Island Energy reserves its right to seek recovery of these in the future." Does this mean that the Company has a current balance for deferred waived processing fees? If so, please provide the balance for the most recent month available.
- c. To the extent there are costs deferred on the Company's balance sheet related to Order No. 24424 in Docket No. 5022, please explain if carrying charges are being accrued and the rate used for the carrying charge.
- d. If there are costs on Rhode Island Energy's balance sheet that have been deferred pursuant to Order No. 24424 in Docket No. 5022, please explain how the Company plans to amortize/write them off.

Response:

- a. The Company is not presently recording any costs associated with waived processing fees pursuant to Order No. 24424 in Docket No. 5022 because there is not sufficient certainty of recovery with respect to these costs at this time. Consequently, there is no current deferred balance (or associated carrying charges) presently associated with these costs. Instead, the waived processing fees, which are paid by National Grid pursuant to the existing Transition Services Agreement (TSA), have been and continue to be charged to the Company's operation and maintenance (O&M) expense.
- b. No. Please refer to the response to (a) above.
- c. Please refer to the response to (a) above.
- d. Please refer to the response to (a) above.