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**RE: Docket No. 33-22-EL – Henry Shelton Act
LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Reconciliation
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 1 (Full Set)**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

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 Public Utilities Commission’s First Set of Data Requests (Full Set) in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (401) 709-3337.

Sincerely,



Leticia C. Pimentel

Enclosure

cc: Docket 4290 Service List

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RIPUC Docket No. 23-33-EL
In Re: Department of Human Services
Proposed LIHEAP Enhancement Charge for Calendar Year 2024
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Issued on October 16, 2023

PUC 1-1

Request:

Please provide the projected revenues that will be generated by the current surcharge in 2023 using the most recent actuals in the calculation with estimates as necessary for November 2023 and December 2023. Include supporting calculations (explain any assumptions). Please present both a combined total as well as electric and gas separately.

Response:

The projected annual revenue generated by the 2023 LIHEAP Enhancement surcharge using nine months of actuals through September¹ 2023 and estimates for October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023 is \$7,472,995. This amount includes electric-related revenue totaling \$4.86 million and gas-related revenue totaling \$2.61 million.

Please see Attachment PUC 1-1 for the supporting documentation.

¹ October 2023 actuals will not be available until November 7, 2023.

The Narragansett Electric Company
CY 2023 Estimated LIHEAP Revenue at \$0.79

		<u>Forecasted Electric Bills</u> (a)	<u>Electric Revenue</u> (b)	<u>Forecasted Gas Bills</u> (c)	<u>Gas Revenue</u> (d)	<u>Total Revenue</u> (e)
(1)	Jan-2023		\$425,408		\$228,660	\$654,069
(2)	Feb-2023		\$403,365		\$214,588	\$617,953
(3)	Mar-2023		\$390,720		\$210,028	\$600,748
(4)	Apr-2023		\$402,540		\$213,444	\$615,983
(5)	May-2023		\$401,757		\$215,875	\$617,632
(6)	Jun-2023		\$413,100		\$221,956	\$635,056
(7)	Jul-2023		\$415,529		\$224,873	\$640,402
(8)	Aug-2023		\$394,980		\$210,207	\$605,188
(9)	Sep-2023		\$412,628		\$219,282	\$631,910
(10)	Oct-2023	508,545	\$401,751	274,151	\$216,579	\$618,330
(11)	Nov-2023	508,638	\$401,824	274,790	\$217,084	\$618,908
(12)	Dec-2023	504,434	\$398,503	276,346	\$218,313	\$616,816
(13)	Total		\$4,862,105		\$2,610,890	\$7,472,995

- (a) Per Company Forecast
- (b) Lines (1) - (10): per Company Reports. Lines (11) - (12): Column (a) x \$0.79
- (c) Per Company Forecast
- (d) Lines (1) - (10): per Company Reports. Lines (11) - (12): Column (c) x \$0.79
- (e) Column (b) + Column (d)

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PUC 1-2

Request:

Please provide the projected revenues that will be generated in 2024 if the surcharge is set at 81¢. Please present both a combined total as well as electric and gas separately.

Response:

If the LIHEAP Enhancement surcharge is set at 81¢, the projected revenue in 2024 is approximately \$7.65 million. This total includes \$4.95 million of electric-related revenues and \$2.70 million of gas-related related revenue.

Please see Attachment PUC 1-2 for the supporting calculation.

The Narragansett Electric Company
CY 2024 Estimated LIHEAP Charge at Illustrative Charge (\$0.81)

		<u>Forecasted Electric Bills</u> (a)	<u>Forecasted Gas Bills</u> (b)	<u>Total Forecasted Bills</u> (c)
(1)	Jan-2024	508,817	277,849	786,666
(2)	Feb-2024	508,898	278,727	787,625
(3)	Mar-2024	508,976	279,147	788,123
(4)	Apr-2024	509,053	279,376	788,429
(5)	May-2024	509,132	279,150	788,282
(6)	Jun-2024	509,214	278,471	787,685
(7)	Jul-2024	509,294	277,474	786,768
(8)	Aug-2024	509,367	277,137	786,504
(9)	Sep-2024	509,430	276,798	786,228
(10)	Oct-2024	509,495	276,848	786,343
(11)	Nov-2024	509,577	277,476	787,053
(12)	Dec-2024	505,391	279,010	784,401
(13)	Total	6,106,644	3,337,463	9,444,107
(14)	Rate	\$0.81	\$0.81	
(15)	Projected Revenue	\$4,946,382	\$2,703,345	\$7,649,727

- (a) Per Company Forecast
- (b) Per Company Forecast
- (c) Column (a) + Column (b)

- (13) Sum of lines (1) through (12)
- (14) Illustrative Charge (\$0.81)
- (15) Line (13) x Line (14)

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PUC 1-3

Request:

What factor in 2024 will generate as close as possible to, but not less than, \$6,500,000, what factor will generate as close as possible to \$7,000,000, and what factor will generate as close as possible to, but not greater than, \$7,500,000?

Response:

The factor needed in 2024 to generate as close as possible to, but not less than, \$6,500,000 is \$0.69. The factor needed in 2024 to generate as close as possible to \$7,000,000 is \$0.74. The factor needed in 2024 to generate as close as possible to, but not greater than, \$7,500,000 is \$0.79.

Please see Attachment PUC 1-3 for the supporting calculations.

The Narragansett Electric Company
CY 2024 Estimated LIHEAP Charge Based on \$6.5M, \$7.0M and \$7.5M

		<u>Forecasted Electric Bills</u> (a)	<u>Forecasted Gas Bills</u> (b)	<u>Total Forecasted Bills</u> (c)	<u>Estimated Surcharge</u> (d)	<u>Estimated Revenue</u> (e)
(1)	Jan-2024	508,817	277,849	786,666		
(2)	Feb-2024	508,898	278,727	787,625		
(3)	Mar-2024	508,976	279,147	788,123		
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(12)	Dec-2024	<u>505,391</u>	<u>279,010</u>	<u>784,401</u>		
(13)	Total	6,106,644	3,337,463	9,444,107		
(14)	Charge Based on \$6.5M	\$6,500,000		9,444,107	\$0.69	\$6,516,434
(15)	Charge Based on \$7.0M	\$7,000,000		9,444,107	\$0.74	\$6,988,639
(16)	Charge Based on \$7.5M	\$7,500,000		9,444,107	\$0.79	\$7,460,845

- (a) Per Company Forecast
- (b) Per Company Forecast
- (c) Column (a) + Column (b)
- (13) Sum of lines (1) through (12)
- (14)(a) per Data Request
- (14)(c) Line (13), Column (c)
- (14)(d) Column (a) ÷ Column (c), truncated to 2 decimal places, + \$0.01 in order to generate more than \$6.5M
- (14)(e) Column (c) x Column (d)
- (15)(a) per Data Request
- (15)(c) Line (13), Column (c)
- (15)(d) Column (a) ÷ Column (c), truncated to 2 decimal places, + \$0.01 in order to generate more than \$7.0M
- (15)(e) Column (c) x Column (d)
- (16)(a) per Data Request
- (16)(c) Line (13), Column (c)
- (16)(d) Column (a) ÷ Column (c), truncated to 2 decimal places, + \$0.01 in order to generate more than \$7.5M
- (16)(e) Column (c) x Column (d)

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PUC 1-4

Request:

In past the Company reported the number of customers that had received both fuel assistance and emergency payments for both gas and electric.

- a. Please provide the same information for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.
- b. Please provide the same information for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Response:

Please see the charts below.

a.

September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023		
Service	Payment type	Count
Electric	Both Fuel Assistance/Emergency	12
Gas	Both Fuel Assistance/Emergency	34

b.

September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022		
Service	Payment type	Count
Electric	Both Fuel Assistance/Emergency	10
Gas	Both Fuel Assistance/Emergency	51