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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. 23-48-EL – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a
Rhode Island Energy’s Proposed FY 2025 Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and
Reliability Plan
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 5**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), enclosed is the Company’s response to data request PUC 5-10 in the above-referenced matter.

The Company received an extension until February 23, 2024, to respond to data request PUC 5-1.

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. 23-48-EL Service List

PUC 5-10

Request:

Referring to the response to PUC 3-11, the company cites cost increases as one rationale for increasing the blanket threshold from \$100,000 to \$500,000. What evidence did the company rely on to determine that \$500,000 is the appropriate threshold (other than that is what PPL uses).

Response:

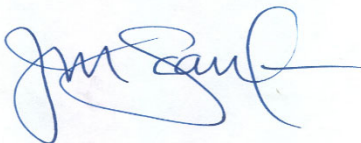
There were multiple factors that the Company considered when it determined that it would increase the blanket threshold from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The Company's process for making that decision is described below. The \$100,000 threshold has been in effect for approximately 20 years, and costs have increased during that timeframe (as reflected in the Distribution Electric construction costs set forth in the Handy Whitman Index for the North Atlantic region). Those cost increases justified a reassessment of the threshold.

The Company began internal discussions about increasing the threshold for individual work requests within blanket projects during 2022 as the transition to PPL's work management and plant accounting systems was underway. PPL does not have a blanket threshold and rarely pulls specific projects. As a step towards PPL's work management procedure Rhode Island Energy decided to increase the threshold from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Review of blanket project work takes place throughout the year. It continues to indicate that individual work requests within blanket projects are set up for small dollar, high volume work. The overall majority of individual work requests, excluding monthly confirming work requests, are below the \$100,000.

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

February 20, 2024

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**Docket No. 23-48-EL – RI Energy’s Electric ISR Plan FY 2025
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