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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket No. 4237 – 2024 Contact Voltage Annual Report
Correction to Page 26 of the Report**

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), enclosed, is a corrected Page 26 of the Company’s 2024 Contact Voltage Annual Report (the “Report”). Please replace Page 26 of the Report with the enclosed corrected page.

Correction

On September 19, 2024, while reviewing documents in preparation for a meeting on contact voltage with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”), the Company discovered that its email notification to the City of Providence was in an employee’s outbox and was inadvertently never sent to the city. As a result, the Company is updating the representations it made on Page 26 of the Report. The updates are redlined in the enclosed corrected Page 26.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. 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

cc: Docket No. 4237 Service List

Section 9 - Company Recommendations

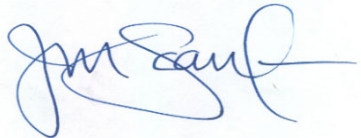
Rhode Island Energy awarded the contract to Osmose Utilities. The annual cost of mobile scanning is expected to increase slightly in future years. The FY2024 mobile scans showed a decrease in mobile events compared to the FY 2023 Mobile events. The recommendation is to continue with testing 20 percent of the DCVRAs each year.

Over the past 5-years, there has been a fluctuation in the number of contact voltage findings. What remains consistent is that most of the findings are on streetlights. Per the RI PUC Order 24263, the Company was directed to notify municipalities that own streetlights of the increasing trend in mobile events. During the survey in February, the Company worked with the city lighting contractor to identify the customer owned streetlights shown to have contact voltage. In addition, the Company also shared a list with the city via email of customer owned streetlights that had contact voltage and needed to be repaired. Providence was notified May 23, 2024, by email. An email was also sent August 21, 2024, following up on Providence repairs. Although the overall percentage of streetlights with contact voltage has decreased when compared to historical figures, streetlights remain one of the most common assets where contact voltage is measured. Rhode Island Energy will notify municipalities that own streetlights of this trend when the contact voltage scans are scheduled to be performed in those DCVRAs.

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.

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



Joanne M. Scanlon

September 24, 2024

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