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

RE: Docket No. 24-20-EL - The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's 2025 Last Resort Service Procurement Plan <u>Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 1</u>

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the "Company"), enclosed please find the Company's responses to the Public Utilities Commission's First Set of Data Requests in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,

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Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 24-20-EL Service List

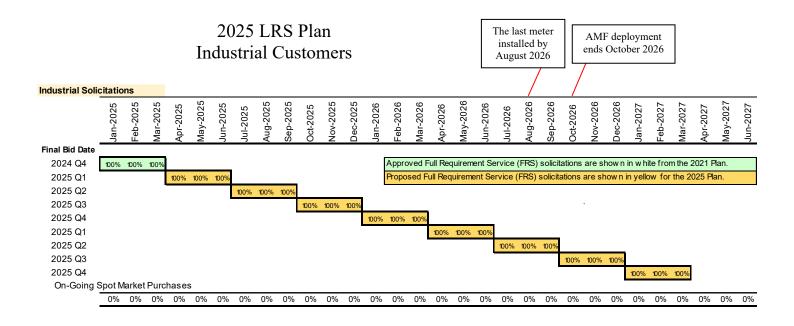
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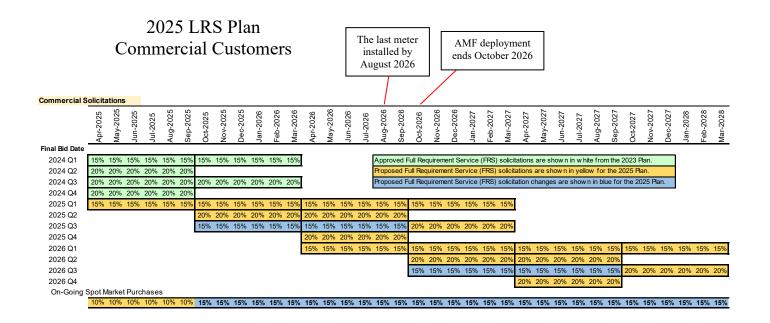
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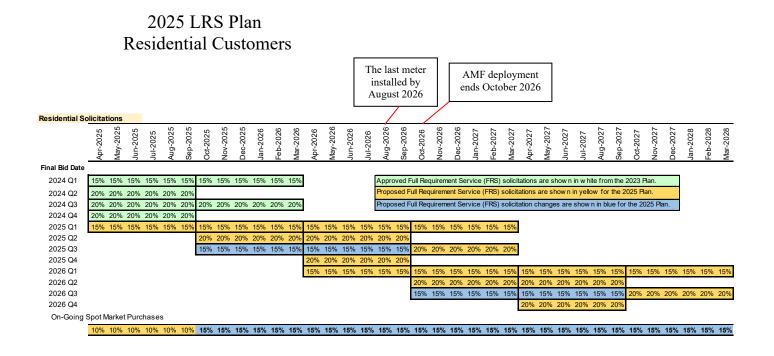
Please compare the Gantt chart for the LRS procurement schedule to the current expected implementation of advanced meters in Rhode Island. Identify any period in the procurement plant that extends beyond full implementation and integration of the advanced meters.

Response:

The Company expects advanced meters to be fully implemented by October 2026. Please see Attachment PUC 1-1 for the updated LRS Procurement Plan charge indicating the anticipated advanced meter implementation.







<u>PUC 1-2</u>

Request:

Considering the full requirement services contracts and spot market purchases RIE uses in its LRS Procurement Plan, please provide a description of how PPL Electric procures for its default service product and compare the two processes.

Response:

PPL Electric procures default service for its customers using a laddered and layered approach like with LRS. The current PPL Electric Default Service Plan No. 5 ("DSP V") plan segregates customers into three customer groups: Residential, Small (Commercial & Industrial) C&I, and Large (Commercial & Industrial) C&I. As with LRS, the Residential and Small C&I are on similar procurement schedules. PPL Electric's current DSP V supply is procured via semi-annual auctions in April and October, unlike LRS which is procured quarterly. Both April and October auctions procure 12-month and 6-month Fixed Price Full Requirements products. Contrastingly, LRS procures 6-month, 12-month, 18-month and 24-month products. Furthermore, PPL Electric supplier Fixed Price Full Requirements products include capacity while LRS does not. DSP V also has two 50MW block products for Residential default service which were procured in April 2021 and October 2021. These products are both 5 years in length. The Large C&I procurements for PPL Electric are procured via annual auctions in April for 12-month Spot Market products. Contrastingly, the LRS Industrial customers procure 3-month Fixed Price Full Requirements products quarterly. The Spot Market procurement for Large C&I in DSP V is procured in the Real-Time energy ("RT") market. Whereas Spot market procurements for LRS are bid into the Day Ahead ("DA") market. For DSP VI, the Company proposed 12-month and 24-month Full Requirements terms for Residential and Small C&I. If approved, procurements will occur in February and July. Furthermore a 10-year long-term block for up to 150 MW energy only, and a 20-year Pennsylvania solar Alternative Energy Credit ("AEC") contract for 30,000 AECs were proposed. No changes were made for the Large C&I customer class.

<u>PUC 1-3</u>

Request:

Confirm that in PPL's Pennsylvania territory (PPL Electric) electric customers are only able to participate in PPL's time-of-use rate offering if the customer also takes energy supply from PPL Electric's default service and not a competitive supplier. Specifically confirm whether PPL Electric offers a time-of-use rate for delivery charges, or some other time-varying rate that is independent of PPL Electric's default service product.

Response:

Confirmed, PPL Electric customers are only able to participate in the time-of-use ("TOU") offering if they are on PPL Electric's default supply rate. There is not currently a TOU rate for delivery charges.

<u>PUC 1-4</u>

Request:

When did PPL Electric begin offering at least one time-of-use option to default service customers.

Response:

PPL Electric first implemented time-of-use in 2010 under PPL's Competitive Bridge Plan.

<u>PUC 1-5</u>

Request:

Please explain whether and how the option for time-of-use rates is considered in PPL Electric's default service procurement plan (for example, as a separately bid default product).

Response:

Pennsylvania law mandates that electric distribution companies ("EDCs") offer time-of-use rates to Residential and Small C&I customers. Originally PPL Electric held auctions to procure separate TOU products. However, those auctions failed for lack of supplier participation. To offer a TOU rate, PPL Electric utilizes a formula to calculate on-peak and off-peak multipliers from its Price to Compare.

<u>PUC 1-6</u>

Request:

If the procurement plan does consider the option of time-of-use rates, please explain if there was a transition from the procurement plan before such option was possible, and how and when the transition was executed in the procurement plan.

Response:

The Company did not consider time of use ("TOU") in the plan because the timing of full implementation for advanced metering was close to the end of the planning period and the Company would not have enough data to properly implement TOU rates. Once the new data is available the Company can analyze usage patterns to make the best judgements in exploring various TOU rate options.

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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

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