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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. 24-38-GE - Rhode Island Energy Tariff Advice Filing to Amend
Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service, R.I.P.U.C. No. 2243
Electric AMR/AMF Meter Opt-Out
Responses to Record Requests**

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the "Company"), enclosed are the Company's responses to the record requests that were issued at the Public Utilities Commission's Evidentiary Hearing on November 20, 2024 in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-316-7429.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

cc: Docket No. 24-38-GE Service List

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a Rhode Island Energy
RIPUC Docket No. 24-38-GE
Amendments to Electric and Gas Tariffs
In Re: Advanced Meter Functionality and Automated Meter Reading Opt-Out
Responses to the Record Requests Issued at the
Commission's Evidentiary Hearing
On November 20, 2024

Record Request No. 1

Request:

Please provide the Company's understanding of a situation where there is solar on a customer's premise, whether the Company understands there is a communication type device on the premise to communicate with the developer. If a customer already has a communicating meter on its house, such as for distributed generation and/or solar meters, what is the Company's understanding of the difference between that type of meter and an AMF meter? Please include the Company's general understanding in the industry of the configuration of these types of non-Company owned meters.

Response:

It is the Company's understanding that a typical residential solar installation package is a communications type device that includes measurement/monitoring capabilities with a means of transmitting data to the customer and/or manufacturer via a communication path such as Wi-Fi, cellular, etc.

AMF meters can communicate with a customer's home area network via Wi-Fi in support of future applications and functionality. This feature will be utilized at the discretion of the customer if they choose to sign up once the functionality is available. The Wi-Fi communications associated with the AMF meter are generally of a similar type to the Wi-Fi communications used in the typical solar installation package. Separately, to communicate with the Company, AMF meters utilize radio frequency ("RF") communications to send and receive data and messages to and from the RF Network. These RF communications are generally of a similar type to the cellular communications used in the typical solar installation package.

The Company understands that there could also be many differences between a residential solar system's measurement/monitoring capability and an AMF meter, such as, but not limited to, the following: physical specifications, i.e., form factor, what is being measured and from where (electrically), the type of communication path, and where the data goes, i.e., to the customer and/or manufacturer vs. to the Company.

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Record Request No. 2

Request:

Will the Company continue to charge the monthly opt-out meter reading fee in the event of an estimated read?

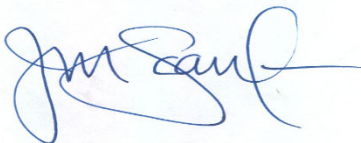
Response:

Yes, the customer would still be charged the monthly opt-out meter reading fee in the event of an estimated read. This is consistent with the current AMR opt-out tariff and process.

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

December 13, 2024

Date

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy
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