

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY)	
d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY PROPOSED)	DOCKET NO. 24-55-NG
FY2026 GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY,)	
AND RELIABILITY PLAN)	

**DIVISION’S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION’S
RECORD REQUEST DIRECTED TO THE DIVISION**

RECORD REQUEST

Provide the basis for the statement contained on Page 13 of the Direct Testimony of Alberico Mancini that provides: “As discussed in greater detail in last year’s ISR docket, public utility commissions typically require removal of all leak-prone pipe within 20 years and shorter time-periods have been required if practicable.”

RESPONSE

In Docket No. 23-49-NG, the Division’s expert witness, David B. Berger, testified to the same effect, and provided the following precedent located at Page 9, footnotes 9 & 10 of his direct testimony for his assertions:

Massachusetts G.L. c. 164, § 145 (filed gas infrastructure replacement plans to contain a target end date of not more than 20 years from the filing of a gas company's initial plan)

Application Of Yankee Gas Services Company D/B/A Eversource Energy To Amend Its Rate Schedules, Dkt. 18-05-10 (CT PURA, December 12, 2018) (requiring a 20-year cast iron and bare steel replacement programs for Connecticut’s gas companies)

Order Instituting Proceeding for a Recovery Mechanism to Accelerate the Replacement of Leak Prone Pipe, Case 15-G-0151 (NY PSC, April 17, 2015) at 6-7 (“Our goal will be to reduce the statewide average replacement timeline to 20 years and is based on reasonable assumptions that gas LDCs will ramp up their removal and replacement programs”)

Northern Utilities Inc., Proposed Cast Iron Replacement Program, Dkt. 2008-151, Order Approving Stipulation (ME PUC, July 30, 2010) (approving a 14 to 17-year gas pipe replacement program)