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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: **Docket No. SB-2025-01 - The Narragansett Electric Company's
Application for the Woonsocket Substation – Nasonville Substation 115 kV
Transmission Line
Responses to EFSB Record Requests**

Dear Ms. Masse:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company (the "Company"), I have enclosed the Company's responses to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board's ("EFSB") Record Requests from the EFSB's preliminary hearing held on June 18, 2025 in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-709-3351.

Sincerely,



George W. Watson III

Enclosures

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Heidi J. Seddon

July 1, 2025

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Record Request 1

Request:

When did the Company decide to include the rebuild of the B23 Line with the construction of the new U-170 transmission line? Was it before or after the filing to NEPOOL for the new U-170?

Response:

The Company decided to include the rebuild of the B23 Line with the U-170 transmission line prior to filing with NEPOOL. As shown in Attachment EFSB 1-7-2, this component has been part of the project since at least July 31, 2023.

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Record Request 2

Request:

What are the structure types (wood or steel) for existing 345 kV lines in the project ROW?

Response:

The structures in the ROW are weathering steel structures that were constructed and/or rebuilt as part of the Interstate Reliability Project, SB-2012-01.

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Record Request 3

Request:

Provide videos of the ROW if they are available.

Response:

The Company does not have videos of the ROW.

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Record Request 4

Request:

Provide the link to the project webpage.

Response:

The project website URL is:
<https://nasonvilletransmissionlineupgrade.com/>

The website will be updated as the project progresses.

Record Request 5

Request:

Provide a summary of the outreach to the abutters to the ROW that is being cleared to 75 feet in width. Please summarize any encroachments that need to be removed to allow for clearing.

Response:

Below is a summary of the outreach the Company completed with abutters to the 75-foot-wide right-of-way (“ROW”).

- Mailed letters dated August 21, 2024, introducing the project to all abutters within 200 feet of the ROW; a total of 68 property owners.
- Hosted a project team open house at Burrillville High School on Monday, November 18, 2024. Three abutters, two property owners, attended. All abutters were invited via US Mail postcards.
- Spoke with TA Consultants and Holliston Sand & Gravel, owners of the three properties in North Smithfield that are subject to the 75-foot-wide transmission line easement, for access coordination for surveying and forestry.
- Developed project website in June 2025. The URL is NasonvilleTransmissionLineUpgrade.com, and it will be included in all future communications.
- Knocked on doors of direct abutters to the ROW along Pulaski Hill Road and Power Lane area on December 12, 2024. The abutters the Company met with were open minded and accepting of the proposed project. Some of the abutters raised concerns about how tight the roads are for truck traffic.

As for noticeable encroachments that will need to be removed, there were vehicles parked at 150 Pulaski Hill Road (and the property owner plans to build a garage of some sort off ROW); dumping of vegetation and excess soil in the ROW at 45 Power Lane; and dog fencing at 216 Pulaski Hill Road.

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Record Request 6

Request:

Summarize the Company’s approach to evaluating the condition of existing pole structures. Share the evaluation (confer with staff on scope of information before sharing).

Response:

The Company uses several methods to inspect its transmission system, including visual aerial (helicopter) inspections (Stop-Go and Comprehensive Visual Inspections (“CVI”)), Infrared imaging, UAV inspection, LiDAR scans, and foot patrols. Inspections of each transmission line are conducted on time-based cycles aligned with the overall risk of the specific line and condition. Off cycle inspections may be conducted in response to changing system conditions, including, but not limited to, unintended operation of the line, abnormal system configuration, or reports from field personnel. Any deficiencies identified during inspection are documented in an internal database for tracking and addressed according to their priority. The assessment of an asset’s physical condition through field inspection is reviewed along with other relevant asset data, including age, design, obsolescence, spare availability performance, and system needs when determining the need to repair, replace, or otherwise refurbish an asset. Stop-Go visual inspections of B23 were conducted in 2023 and 2025 and CVI visual inspections of B23 were conducted in 2024. Copies of field inspection reports were included in the Company’s response to EFSB 2-6.