

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

December 16, 2025

Re: Docket 25-19-EL – In re: The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy’s Proposed Green Button Connect, Home Area Network, and Grid Edge Computing Plans

UtilityAPI, Inc., is a software company that provides energy data exchange platforms: data-sharing solutions that enable customers who want to manage their energy to share it with appropriate third parties who can help them do that, securely and accurately. We appreciate the opportunity to file a public comment in this Docket for the Commission’s consideration.

We read the Motion to Strike Testimony (“Motion to Strike”), filed by Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (“RIE”) on December 12, 2025. In the Motion to Strike, RIE requests that the Commission strike testimony filed by Daniel Roesler, UtilityAPI’s former Chief Innovation Officer. It alleges that this testimony reflects “blatant promotion of self-interest” (Motion to Strike at pp. 2-3).

UtilityAPI deeply respects the integrity of regulatory processes and has been engaged in regulatory work for nearly its entire decade-long history. We monitor data access proceedings nationally to better understand the concerns being raised by regulators, utilities, and third parties, like consumer advocates. We see our primary role as to provide technical information and to demonstrate examples of data-sharing services—to demystify a complex, extremely niche subtopic within utility regulation.

We appreciate RIE’s concern regarding potential self-interest. UtilityAPI does provide software services that are competitive with those of RIE’s current provider in this specific area. However, we are also a user of data exchange platforms in states like California. Ultimately, we are supportive of any data platform provider that can securely, efficiently, and cost-effectively meet the needs of customers, third parties, and regulated utilities. Furthermore, as a software vendor ourselves, we respect the desire to ensure robust competition based on the merits.

Accordingly, we wish to clarify our role in this situation. Mr. Roesler parted ways with UtilityAPI in September 2025. He is not a controlling stakeholder; he is not employed with or contracted by the company; and to the best of our knowledge, he has had no contact with or influence over UtilityAPI’s staff or Board of Directors regarding this docket or any other matters. Until the time that Mr. Roesler’s and Mr. Murray’s testimony was filed, we were unaware that Mr. Roesler would be providing expert testimony in this docket. While we are a member of the Mission:data Coalition, we did not provide material support in the development of this testimony, which reflects the witnesses’ own opinions based on expertise and experience. Ultimately, this testimony did not come from, nor should it be construed to represent, UtilityAPI.

We appreciate the Commission’s attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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