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Memorandum

DATE: March 26, 2026

TO: Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk
Public Utilities Commission

FROM: John Bell, Chief Accountant
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

SUBJECT: Docket No. 25-54-EL - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's FY 2027 Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Plan

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") respectfully offers these comments concerning The Narragansett Electric Company's d/b/a Rhode Island Energy ("RIE" or the "Company") Supplemental filing submitted on January 26, 2026 in the above docket. The purpose of the supplemental filing was to reflect the recovery of the Advanced Metering Functionality ("AMF") capital costs as a fixed charge embedded in the customer charge. In the Company's initial filing, it reflected the recovery of AMF capital costs on a per kWh basis. On February 27, 2026, the Company submitted a tariff advice filing in Docket 26-08-EL to add an AMF Recovery Provision. The Division provided comments on the tariff advice filing and supported the proposed tariff.

The Company's supplemental filing included prefiled testimony of Stephanie Briggs and Tyler Shields. Ms. Briggs explains that the supplemental filing did not change the revenue requirements calculation included in the original filing in this docket. Ms. Briggs further explained that the revenue requirements exceeded the available deferrals resulting in the proposed AMF factor.

Mr. Shield's presented the calculation of the proposed AMF CapEx factors and bill impacts. The impact on the monthly customer charge for a residential customer is an increase of \$0.72, which increases the charge from \$6.00 to \$6.72.

The Division reviewed the revenue requirements calculation associated with AMF capital costs and concluded that the calculations were accurate. The Division further concluded that the proposed AMF CapEx factors were calculated in accordance with the Company's proposed AMF Recovery Provision. Accordingly, the Division recommends approval of the factors set forth in RIE's filing conditioned on the approval of the proposed AMF Recovery Factor in Docket 26-08-EL.