

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :  
d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY APPLICATION FOR : DOCKET NO. 25-45-GE  
APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN ELECTRIC AND GAS :  
BASE DISTRIBUTION RATES :**

**DIVISION'S RESPONSES TO THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S  
FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

**May 8, 2026**

PUC 1-1

Request:

The Division has recommended maintaining or reducing the current customer charge for C-06 customers while increasing the volumetric charge. (Pavlovic at Bates 23-24). RIE's response to PUC 5-3 shows that remote net metering facilities are estimated to produce \$38,272,370 in distribution-only renewable net metering credits to be recovered from all customers under the Company's volumetric proposal.

- a. Is it Division's position that a 75-cent increase in a \$10.00 C-06 customer's customer charge would significantly change that customer's usage behavior? If so, please provide support for that position.
- b. Does the Division agree that under its proposal to increase the distribution charge for C-06 customers, the total dollar amount of the distribution-only net metering credits resulting from remote net metering facilities will be higher than under the Company's proposal? If not, why not?
- c. Did the Division evaluate the impact on the total amount of net metering credits paid to remote net metering facilities that results from decreasing the customer charge for the C-06 class and increasing the volumetric rate? If so, please explain why the resulting increase in net metering costs is being supported by the Division. If the Division did not consider that impact, please explain why not.

Response:

- a. No.
- b. Yes.
- c. The Division is aware that any change in the kWh distribution rate changes the amount of net metering credits. In preparing the response to this data request, the Division estimated the impact of the \$.75 differential between the current C-06 customer charge (exclusive of AMF impact) of \$10.00 and RIE's proposal of \$10.75 (see below table). The Division's estimate is an annual increase in net metering credits of \$480,751. This is based on the actual C-06 net metering credit volume (kWh) exported in calendar year 2025. Due to the increased cost to ratepayers, the Division is not opposed to increasing the customer charge for the C-06 rate class.

<b>Estimate of impact of \$0.75 CO-6 Customer Charge Differential on NM Credits</b>		
<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Customer Charge Differential (\$10.75 vs. \$10.00)	\$ 0.75
2	Rate Year Bills (Sch PRB-1-ELEC, Ln 4, Col (e))	639,780
3	Annual \$ Impact (Ln 1*Ln2)	\$ 479,835
4	Rate Year kWhs (Sch PRB-1-ELEC, Ln 1, Col (e))	728,427,259
5	Rate Impact per kWh (Ln 3/Ln 4)	\$ 0.00066
6	CY 2025 C-06 NM kWh's (Dkt 26-05-EL, RIE Resp to PUC 1-6, pg. 2)	729,818,263
7	<b>Annual Increase in NM Credits (Ln 5*Ln 6)</b>	<b>\$ 480,751</b>

Response prepared by John Bell.