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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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

**RE: Docket No. 25-45-GE – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy
Application for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates
Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-10 and 39-3-11
Response to Division Data Requests – Set 14 (Supplemental)**

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), I am enclosing the Company’s response to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers’ (the “Division”) Fourteenth Set of Data Requests, issued on March 6, 2026, in the above-referenced matter. In this transmittal, the Company is providing the following response in Division Set 14: Division 14-1 Supplemental.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-316-7429.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 25-45-GE Service List

Division 14-1 Supplemental
Tariffs

Request:

Referring to *proposed* Sheet No. 1 of RIPUC No. 2282 (Bates page 6) at RIE 17- the Basic Residential Rate (A-16) at Section 3.1 which states:

Electric delivery service under this rate is available for all domestic purposes in an individual private dwelling, an individual private apartment or an individual private condominium.

And, referring to *proposed* Sheet No. 1 of RIPUC No. 2283 (Bates page 9) at RIE 17- the Low-Income Rate (A-60) at Section 3.1 which states in pertinent part:

Service under this rate is available only to currently qualified customers for all domestic purposes in an individual private dwelling unit or an individual apartment, providing such customer meets both of the following criteria:

3.1.1 Must be the head of a household or principal wage earner; and

3.1.2. Must be presently receiving Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Administration, be eligible for the Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"), or one of the following from the appropriate Rhode Island agencies: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps, General Public Assistance or the Rhode Island Works Program (formerly known as Family Independence Program) or successor programs.

- a) Is there a reason that the word "condominium" is absent from Section 3.1 in the proposed A-60 rate?
- b) Please explain whether or not a customer must be actually *receiving* LIHEAP or only be *eligible* for LIHEAP to meet the qualification set forth under Section 3.1.2 in proposed Tariff 2283.
- c) Please explain whether or not a customer must be actually *receiving* Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps, General Public Assistance or the Rhode Island Works Program (formerly known as Family Independence Program) or successor programs, or only be *eligible for* these programs to meet the qualification set forth under Section 3.1.2 in proposed Tariff No. 2283.

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Original Response:

- (a) No. There is no reason that the word “condominium” is absent from Section 3.1 in the proposed A-60 rate. Indeed, there is no reason for the description of other living quarters to differ either. The Company is amenable to revising Section 3.1 to state (amendments in red and ~~red-strikethrough~~):

3.1 Service under this rate is available only to currently qualified customers for all domestic purposes in an individual private dwelling, ~~unit or~~ an individual private apartment, ~~or an individual private condominium~~, providing such customer meets both of the following criteria:

- (b) The Customer must be eligible and enrolled in LIHEAP, but the customer may not be actively receiving LIHEAP benefits. This is because LIHEAP participants only receive LIHEAP benefits during October through April; a customer may be eligible for and enrolled in LIHEAP but not be receiving any benefits in May through September.
- (c) The Customer must be eligible and *enrolled* in these programs; actual receipt of benefits may be discrete and may, therefore, not align with the monthly nature of the LIDR discount.

In responding to this data request, the Company notes potential improvements to the precision of language in its proposed tariff. The Company proposes the following amendment (in red):

- 3.1.2. Must be presently receiving Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Administration, be eligible for ~~and enrolled in~~ the Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”), or ~~be eligible for and enrolled in~~ one of the following from the appropriate Rhode Island agencies: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps, General Public Assistance or the Rhode Island Works Program (formerly known as Family Independence Program) or successor programs.

Supplemental Response:

Company's Supplemental Response to part (b): A customer is not required to be actively receiving LIHEAP benefits to qualify under Section 3.1.2 of proposed Tariff 2283; rather, the customer must be determined eligible for LIHEAP. This distinction is important because LIHEAP benefits are generally available during the October through April program period. As a result, a customer may remain eligible for LIHEAP during the months of May through September even though they are not actively receiving LIHEAP benefits at that time.

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Accordingly, eligibility for LIHEAP, not the active receipt of benefits, is the qualification standard reflected in Section 3.1.2.

As reflected in its response to Record Request No. 50, the Company, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division"), and the Center for Justice on behalf of the George Wiley Center developed a consensus recommendation for eligibility language, below. This recommended revision replaces the proposal in the Company's original response to Division 14-1.

- 3.1.2. Must be presently receiving Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Administration, be **determined** eligible for the Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"), or **enrolled in** one of the following from the appropriate Rhode Island agencies: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps, General Public Assistance or the Rhode Island Works Program (formerly known as Family Independence Program) or successor programs.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



Adam M. Ramos

July 9, 2026

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