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Luly Massaro, Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd
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Re: Docket No. 4857

Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) writes to request additional time to respond to data requests that were issued by the Commission to the Division in the above matter on February 4, 2019. The basis for the Division’s request follows. The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) and the Division, among other parties, proposed a capital efficiency mechanism as part of the settlement in Docket No. 4770. In its decision-making of Docket No. 4770, the Commission rejected the proposal as filed, and established Docket No. 4857 to review the terms of the mechanism at a later date. After the Commission issued its ruling in Docket No. 4770, the Division engaged in a further review of the proposed mechanism. Based upon its review, the Division has concluded that the mechanism, as filed, is unworkable.

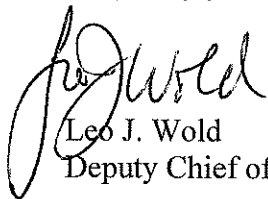
Despite its conclusion in this regard, the Division still believes there is merit to Commission consideration of a capital efficiency mechanism. To that end, the Division has continued to consider the form of a mechanism internally with its expert consultant, Power Services, and in coordination with National Grid. The Division anticipates that the form of the mechanism it will propose to the Commission will be far narrower in design and operation than the one presented in Docket No. 4770.

After conferring with the Company, the Division hopes to be able to file a proposed revised mechanism, along with responses to the data requests (as they apply to the revised filing), by March

15, 2019. Based on the foregoing, the Division respectfully requests the Commission to extend the due date for responding to the Commission's data requests to March 15, 2019.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo J. Wold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Leo J. Wold
Deputy Chief of Legal Services, DPUC

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