

September 28, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 5076 - 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Three-Year Plan) & 2021 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Annual Plan)**  
**Courtesy Notice of Overspend of Approved Budget**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Company”), this correspondence serves as a courtesy notification to the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) of a forecasted overspend of approved budget within the Energy Efficiency Program. The Company will explain why the decision to overspend was prudent and seek recovery of the overspend through pre-filed testimony that will be filed alongside the 2022 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan.

On April 29, 2021, the PUC adopted the inter-sector budget transfer and budget management rules as proposed in the 2021 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Sections 11.4 and 11.5) as they pertain to parties other than the PUC. The PUC declined to adopt a rule in which the Company could seek and potentially gain pre-approval of a budget overspend or transfer from the PUC. The rationale being that the risk should be on the Company to demonstrate that an overspend or transfer was prudent after the fact and that budgetary controls are in place through the new performance incentive mechanism (“PIM”).

In this case, the forecasted budget overspend amounts to \$4,447,232 over the approved gas portfolio implementation budget which results in total spend of 113% of the approved budget. The overspend is in the gas portfolio, and is driven by the non-income eligible residential sector, Energywise Single Family program. The Company notified the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”), Office of Energy Resources (“OER”), and Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council (“EERMC”) in advance of the overspend on July 29, 2021. The Division, and OER did not object, and the EERMC supported the overspend. As indicated above, the details of the overspend and reasons justifying the overspend will be submitted by the Company alongside the 2022 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew S. Marcaccio".

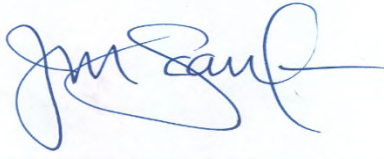
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I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

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.



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Joanne M. Scanlon

September 28, 2021  
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