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

RE: Docket Nos. 4770 and 5127 - Update on the Block Island Transmission System Surcharge

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company), we write to acknowledge the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) comments at its March 29, 2021 Open Meeting regarding the rate structure associated with the Block Island Transmission System surcharge (BITS Surcharge). The Company understands the concerns the PUC noted at the Open Meeting and had already begun to consider an alternative solution for the BITS Surcharge. We would like to take this opportunity to update the PUC on the steps the Company is taking to address these concerns.

The Company has been working in collaboration with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) on a proposed solution relating to the carrying charge formula applied to the BITS Surcharge. The Company is committed to continuing to work with the Division to advance a proposed solution that is in the best interest of Rhode Island customers, while remaining consistent with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) precedent, as expeditiously as possible. The Company and the Division are aligned on wanting a new approach to the carrying charge formula and have conceptually agreed on a possible solution. We anticipate reaching a resolution regarding further details (including the process before FERC) in the weeks ahead.

The Company recognizes the critical importance and complexities of the BITS Surcharge issue and will keep the PUC updated on our progress.

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Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. If you have any questions or concerns related to the aforementioned process, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Marcaccio at 401-784-4263 or Jennifer Hutchinson at 401-784-7288.

Very truly yours,

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