

PPL CORPORATION, PPL RHODE ISLAND HOLDINGS, LLC,  
NATIONAL GRID USA, and THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Docket No. D-21-09

PPL Corporation and PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC's  
Responses to Division's First Set of Data Requests  
Issued on June 8, 2021

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Request:

Please state whether PPL has identified any compatibility issues with integrating the existing Narragansett/National Grid and PPL information systems. Please provide any analyses, assessments, or studies of compatibility issues, including any plans that have been developed to address identified or perceived incompatibilities. In addition, please (a) provide any cost estimates associated with resolving any incompatibilities; and (b) confirm that PPL does not intend to recover the costs of addressing any such incompatibilities from Narragansett ratepayers.

Response:

PPL and PPL RI are in the process of evaluating the technologies and associated systems currently utilized for the operation of The Narragansett Electric Company ("Narragansett"). Currently, PPL and PPL RI are working with National Grid USA to better understand the current technology ecosystem. Based on the current status of the evaluation and information learned to date, PPL and PPL RI expect that there will be few incompatibility issues in the near term transition. During the transition and integration, PPL, PPL RI and National Grid USA and its affiliate National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. will have Transition Service Agreements ("TSAs") in place to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of Narragansett, including the information systems necessary for Narragansett's operations. PPL and PPL RI anticipate that, at the start of the transition period, Narragansett will continue to use the majority of the National Grid USA Information Technology platforms, and, throughout the transition period, PPL and PPL RI will gradually transition Narragansett's information systems and information technology operations on to PPL systems.

PPL and PPL RI do not currently have cost estimates for the transition of Narragansett's information systems and information technology operations over to PPL's systems. Once PPL and PPL RI have prepared such cost estimates, they will provide a supplemental response to this data request.

PPL and PPL RI do not plan to seek recovery for technology transition activities that do not provide new or improved technology capabilities to Narragansett, or for capital investments that would not have been made in the normal course of business for reasons including but not limited to obsolescence.

Supplemental Response:

PPL and PPL RI refer to Attachment PPL-DIV 1-54-1 for additional information responsive to this request.