

September 7, 2021

#### VIA EMAIL AND HAND-DELIVERY

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

RE: Docket D-21-09 Petition of PPL Corporation

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please find the following document enclosed herewith for filing and docketing in the above-titled Petition:

1. Energy Development Partners, LLC's Limited Motion to Reconsider Order of August 19, 2021.

The original and four copies shall be hand-delivered to your office.

Sincerely,

John A. Pagliarini, Jr., Esq.

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

IN RE:

Petition of PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, National Grid USA, and The Narragansett Electric Company for Authority to Transfer Ownership of The Narragansett Electric Company to PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC and Related Approvals

**DOCKET NO. D-2021-09** 

# ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC'S LIMITED MOTION TO RECONSIDER ORDER OF AUGUST 19, 2021

Energy Development Partners, LLC ("EDP"), respectfully requests the Division reconsider its Order of August 19, 2021 in the above-captioned proceeding related to the proposed sale of the Narragansett Electric Company ("NEC") pursuant to Rule 1.29(B)(1) of the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules").

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

- 1. Rule 1.29(B) states "On motion and upon such terms as are just, the Commission may grant relief for the following reasons:"
  - 2. Rule 1.29(B)(1) states "Mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect;"

#### HEARING OFFICER'S INADVERTANCE

3. "Inadvertence" is defined as a result of inattention.

- 4. Energy Development Partners, LLP ("EDP"), as evidenced on *Transcript*, Page 109 Line 20 et seq., asked the Hearing Officer to strike the defamatory and factually inaccurate statements made by PPL's Legal Counsel about EDP.
- 5. That PPL's Legal Counsel made defamatory and factually inaccurate statements about EDP at *Transcript*, Page 89 Line 12 through Page 92 Line 4.
- 6. EDP's request for testimony to be stricken was not afforded the same response as was granted to the Providence Intervenor's similar request at *Transcript*, Page 15 Line 13, which was addressed by the Hearing Officer in the <u>Order</u> at Page 60.
- 7. The Hearing Officer's failure to address EDP's request for stricken language was inadvertence.
- 8. Failure to strike the defamatory and factually inaccurate statements from the official transcript, leaving false statements as part of an official record, harm EDPs actual and potential contractual, financial and business agreements, both present and future, EDP's reputation and credibility with the Division and the renewable energy community at large.
- 9. EDP does not challenge the <u>Order</u>, with the exception of an amendment directing the offending language sections of the Official Transcript be stricken.
- 10. Please direct service of any correspondence or pleadings in connection with this proceeding to:

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WHEREFORE, EDP asks that the Division grant its Motion to Strike the defamatory and factually inaccurate statements from the official transcript.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 7, 2021, I sent a true copy of the document by electronic mail to the Division and the service list and filed the original pleading and four copies with the Division.

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- 1 issues, make sure all the resources are
- 2 there, make sure that NERI and NRG and EDP
- 3 are all heard and anybody else, and then set
- 4 the energy policy that makes the most sense
- 5 for the State of Rhode Island, for its
- 6 businesses and for the ratepayers who pay
- 7 for those costs. This, again, is not that
- 8 proceeding. The Division lacks jurisdiction
- 9 to adopt and approve proactive plans for the
- 10 implementation of distributed energy
- 11 solutions.
- EDP falls very much in the same
- 13 bucket. It is clear that EDP over the
- 14 years, and I'll defer to my colleagues at
- 15 National Grid to address this more
- 16 specifically, look it, it's clear that EDP
- 17 has disagreed with some of the positions
- 18 that not only Narragansett Electric has
- 19 taken but that the Commission has taken, and
- 20 EDP has taken them up to the Supreme Court.
- 21 They've gone to the legislature. The
- 22 Governor just vetoed a bill a week or two
- 23 ago that I think was supported by some of
- 24 NERI's members and perhaps by EDP. And

- 1 for example -- one of the issues that's been
- 2 addressed by these parties, should the
- 3 ratepayers pay more of the costs for the
- 4 equipment necessary for interconnection.
- 5 That \$27 million substation that was talked
- 6 about. How much of that should be paid by
- 7 the ratepayers? You can't decide that in
- 8 this proceeding. That's a Commission
- 9 question. That's clearly their
- 10 jurisdiction.
- So, again, while these parties
- 12 stepped back a little bit this morning and
- 13 said, "No. No. We really don't want to --
- 14 we don't want to change policies, we don't
- 15 want to impose costs, we don't want to
- 16 affect rates." Well, in fact -- although I
- 17 think one of the parties today did say they
- 18 did want to affect rates, their papers make
- 19 it clear what their objectives are, and,
- 20 again. I'm not criticizing the objectives.
- 21 I'm not saying it's wrong for EDP to
- 22 advocate for energy policies that will
- 23 benefit EDP or for NERI to do so for
- 24 policies that will benefit its particular

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- 1 there's nothing wrong with that. It's
- 2 appropriate for EDP and NERI to seek
- 3 legislation that serves their interests.
- 4 It's appropriate for the Governor to decide
- 5 whether to sign or not. I'm not criticizing
- 6 those efforts. It's appropriate for EDP to
- 7 challenge decisions that it disagrees with8 and take them up on appeal. I do that, too,
- 9 for my clients. That's how I make a living.
- 10 But it's not appropriate to end run the
- 11 Commission or end run the Supreme Court or
- 12 end run legislative decisions by coming here
- 13 to the Division in this process where the
- 14 goals are very important, as the Section
- 15 said, but are fairly limited in terms of the
- 16 elements of review and try to reverse or get
- a better decision here than they got at theCommission or they got at the General
- 19 Assembly or they got at the Supreme Court.
- 20 Again, entirely appropriate to pursue those
- 21 results in those bodies.
- My point only is that that in and
- 23 of itself acknowledges that there are other
- 24 venues that are appropriate venues to seek,

- 1 members, all private companies, all seeking
- 2 to make a profit. There's nothing wrong
- 3 with that. It is inappropriate, however, to
- 4 try to do it in this proceeding.
  - The NRG companies. Again, these
- 6 are private companies. They don't represent
- 7 the public and I don't think NRG pretends to
- 8 represent the public, but, again, they seek
- 9 to use this proceeding to advance their own
- 10 interests. They talked about competitive
- 11 marketplaces and making sure that we take
- 12 steps that help shape a more competitive
- 13 marketplace because the General Assembly has
- 14 identified a competitive marketplace as an
- 15 appropriate goal for the citizens of Rhode
- 16 Island. Once again, we don't quibble with
- 17 that objective. That's what the General
- 18 Assembly has said. That's the law and we
- 19 should follow the law. But this is not the
- 20 proceeding where we can shape the
- 21 competitive marketplace for power producers.
- 22 And let me even take a step further and step
- 23 back.
- The policies and procedures and

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1	presentation, PPL and Narragansett have		customers. We're not ratepayers in the
2	basically said that nothing is going to		traditional vision of this of the
3	change in this transaction and the docket	3	Division. But there's nobody at the table
	overseeing the transaction to the	4	who understands the arguments that we've
5	competitive supply markets, but again, NRG	5	proffered.
6	should be allowed to intervene to verify or,	6	The Attorney General is extremely
7	if necessary, challenge that representation	7	well-versed in ratepayer argument as is the
8	if, in fact, there will be impacts. Our	8	Division. They don't know what we know
9	involvement will be to preserve the status	9	because we're the first to go through it.
10	quo which the General Assembly has said is		We want to ensure that PPL does not harm our
11	in the public interest. If there's no		class and our class should have standing,
12	negative impacts, I suspect we will be a	12	• / • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
13	very quiet participant, but if there are	13	
	impacts to the market, even if they're	14	intrude on the sale, but the casualness that
15	unintentional, we should have a voice in the	15	both Petitioners are saying and trying to
16	proceedings and that's all that we are	16	limit the scope that this is just your
17	asking for. Thank you.	17	ordinary \$5 billion conveyance, it's not a
18	HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr.	18	rubber stamp. We understand the Division is
19	Waksler. Mr. Pagliarini?	19	going to go deep and do a dive, but they're
20	MR. PAGLIARINI: Thank you, Mr.	20	
21	Hearing Officer. I'd like to begin with my	21	deep end of the pool and we're offering that
22		22	ALE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT
	commentary regarding Energy Development	23	,
24	Partners be stricken because it was	24	inadvertent attempt that could affect our

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	factually inaccurate and near defamatory to		intervention here and would like the record
1	EDP. EDP is not at the Supreme Court, was	2	corrected there. Thank you.
3	not involved in recent legislation vetoed by	3	HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
4	the Governor, did not advocate for	4	MR. HANDY: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
5	transferring costs in this intervention and	5	5
6	is not doing an end run around. And that	6	wasn't thinking that we would have to rebut.
7	was the sole references to EDP by PPL. And		I was thinking and hoping that the
8	none of that is factually accurate. It is	8	Petitioners would accept our seat at the
9	another developer who is before this hearing	9	table. I'm quite surprised that they
10	today. None of that was EDP.	10	•
11	In addition, National Grid read	11	of agreeing with Mr. Tierney that they're
12	very few excerpts from our formal document,	12	not interested in having voices heard,
13	filing. EDP is here because they are the	13	
14	leader in DG right now. We're at the point		economic interests and, in doing so, they've
15	where we have a dispute that National Grid	15	misrepresented who NERI is and what we're
16	referenced because National Grid said,	16	about.
17	"We've never done this before." We have	17	They refer to our capitalists
18	just as much experience in certain aspects	18	interest. Well, the capitalists interests
19	of DG than National Grid does here in Rhode	19	that are really before you here are the
20	Island. We are offering our expertise to	20	
21	the Division such that we don't have any	21	1
22	issues with PPL in the future with regards	22	fact, they misunderstand who we are. Clean
23	to DG. Specifically, what I'd like to say	23	Economy Development represents the City of
	is that we're customers. We're DG	24	Central Falls, the City of West Warwick,

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