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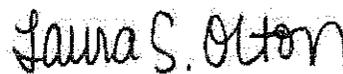
Re: Docket 3804 – Affordable Energy Plan
Responses to George Wiley Center Data Requests – Sets 2 and 3

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of National Grid's responses to the second and third sets of data requests issued by the George Wiley Center on March 19, 2007 and March 28, 2007, respectively in the above-captioned proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Laura S. Olton

Enclosure

cc: Docket 3476 Service List
Paul Roberti, Esq.

Wiley Center Data Request 2-1

Request:

Please describe National Grid's experience under the transitional forgiveness provisions of the Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act of 2006, G.L. § 42-141-12, including but not limited to:

- a. The number of customers who have participated in this forgiveness plan to date;
- b. The total arrearages of all such customers;
- c. The total amount of this arrearage paid to date as down payments under § 42-141-12;
- d. The total amount paid in installment payments ($1/36^{\text{th}}$ of $1/2$ of the remainder) to date;
- e. That total number of customers who have made a down payment, but have thereafter failed to comply with the terms of the agreement for the restoration of service under § 42-141-12;
- f. The total number of customers who are still making monthly installment payments under this transitional plan.

Response:

- a. To date 34 electric service customers and 470 gas service customers qualified for and enrolled in the forgiveness plan.
- b. The 34 electric service customers had total arrearages of \$65,617 at the time of their enrollment. National Grid has not separately tracked the total arrearages of the gas service customers at the time of their enrollment; however, the total arrearages of gas service customers currently in the forgiveness plan and current with their payments is \$604,428 (note: this amount excludes what the active gas service customers paid as a down payment to get into the forgiveness plan).
- c. The total amount of down payments paid or pledged is \$12,497 for the electric service customers and \$371,520 for the gas service customers.
- d. National Grid has not separately tracked the portion of the forgiveness customer payments associated with the arrearage verses the current bill.
- e. To date there have been 24 electric service customers and 61 gas service customers who have defaulted and been dropped from the plan.
- f. There are 10 electric service customers and 409 gas service customers still on the plan although some of these customers are behind in their payments and in jeopardy of being dropped from the plan in the next billing cycle.

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Request:

The National Grid Affordable Energy Plan does not indicate whether National Grid is proposing to continue to provide assistance in the amount of \$25 per \$100 of LIHEAP subsidy. This assistance was being provided at the time the Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act of 2006 was enacted. Under the terms of that Act, the Affordable Energy Fund was not intended to “reduce the amount of assistance a household would otherwise receive from LIHEAP and other sources in the absence of the fund.”

Please indicate whether National Grid is proposing to reduce this assistance by providing instead a discount that would be reimbursed by the Affordable Energy Fund.

Response:

In this filing, National Grid is not proposing to reduce the level of supplemental LIHEAP funds provided to gas service customers.