

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S TARIFF ADVICE :**  
**FILING TO AMEND R.I.P.U.C. NG No. 101 :**  
**SECTION 1, SCHEDULE A, :** **DOCKET NO. 3881**  
**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS :**

**ORDER**

On September 25, 2007, the Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid ("NGrid") filed a Tariff Advice requesting approval by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to amend R.I.P.U.C. NG No. 101, Section 1, Schedule A, General Terms and Conditions to allow for submetering for the purpose of allocating gas bills if a property has more than six (6) units. Currently, NGrid's approved tariff does not permit gas service to be remetered or submetered by a property owner for resale. After review of the terms of the current tariff, NGrid determined that in certain instances a single meter is safer and more practical for a building needing multiple gas deliveries. A property owner can then seek to submeter or remeter gas within the interior piping of the building in order to allocate the cost of gas to third parties on the same premises. The proposed language places the burden on the property owner to demonstrate that the charges allocated to the third parties are no greater than those on the property owner's bill and permits the property owner to charge a reasonable administrative fee to the third parties.<sup>1</sup>

On October 2, 2007, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") filed a letter with the Clerk of the Commission regarding NGrid's filing. In the letter, the Division, through counsel, indicated that it had engaged in discussions with NGrid concerning the issue of remetering and submetering of gas services and that the proposed tariff revisions are a result of those discussions. The Division supported NGrid's

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<sup>1</sup> NGrid Tariff Advice Filing, Docket No. 3881, September 25, 2007.

recommended revisions.<sup>2</sup> On October 30, 2007, the Commission suspended the matter in order to conduct further investigation.

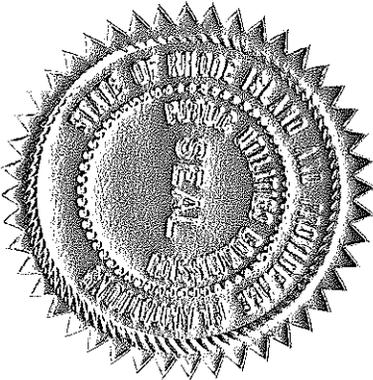
At an open meeting on December 20, 2007, the Commission approved NGrid's proposed amendments to the tariff and ordered NGrid to provide the Commission with information regarding what was a reasonable administrative fee.

Accordingly, it is hereby

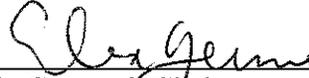
(19174) ORDERED:

1. National Grid's request to amend the tariff to allow for remetering or submetering to occur in commercial or residential rental property with over six (6) units for the purpose of allocating the cost of gas is approved;
2. National Grid shall provide to the Commission information regarding what is a reasonable administrative fee;
3. National Grid shall comply with all other findings and instructions as contained in this order.

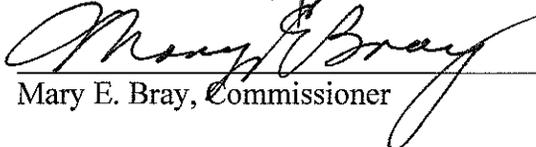
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON DECEMBER 20, 2007. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 10, 2008.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

  
Elia German, Chairman

  
Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

  
Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

<sup>2</sup> Division Letter, October 2, 2007.