

May 28, 2009

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re: Docket 3943 – Motion of Clarification of Order No. 19563
Response to Commission Data Request

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of National Grid's response to the Commission's Data Request issued on May 28, 2009 concerning the above-captioned proceeding.

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

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Teehan

Enclosure

cc: Docket 3943 Service List

Commission Data Request 1-1

Request:

Referencing page 3 of the Division's Motion for Clarification, please state when the Company's actual plant in service for the rate year, the twelve months ending September 30, 2009 will be available.

- a. When will the Company file that number with the Commission? Please provide a timeline if the Company is anticipating multiple filings.
- b. When can the Company commit to filing the September 30, 2009 actual capital spending?
- c. In the event the actual numbers are not available for September 30, 2009 at the time of the Commission's hearing on the Distribution Adjustment Charge, what would the Company propose as a solution?

Response:

- a– b The Company will include with its August 1st DAC filing 4 quarters of actual and one quarter of estimated data for the period ending September 30, 2009. The Company will update this data as part of its September 1st DAC filing to include one additional month of actual data and any updates to the remaining two estimated months. Subsequently, on or about September 15th, the Company will file actual data for August with any further updates to the estimate for September. Finally, on or about October 15th, the Company will file the final un-audited data for September. The Company's books will not be considered final until National Grid plc announces its earnings in mid-November. It is not anticipated that the Company's plant in service data that it will provide by October 15 will change.
- c. In the event that the actual numbers for the end of September 30, 2009 are not available at the time of the Commission's hearing on the DAC, the Company would propose using the latest available estimate subject to a true up in the subsequent year's DAC. With 14 months of actual data available in calculating the 5-quarter average, the Company would expect that any impact in the use of a forecast for September would be minor.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and/or any materials accompanying this certificate were electronically submitted, hand delivered and mailed to the individuals listed below.



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**National Grid (NGrid) – Request for Change in Gas Distribution Rates
Docket No. 3943 - Service List as of 9/2/08**

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