

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2011-REVISED NATURAL  
GAS PROGRAMS AND REVISED GAS EFFICIENCY  
PROGRAM TARIFF PROVISIONS

DOCKET NO. 4209

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2010 the Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") filed its proposed Energy Efficiency Program Plan For 2011 ("2011 EEP Plan") and Proposed Energy Efficiency Program Tariff Provisions for Gas and Electric ("2011 EEP Tariffs") pursuant to the System Reliability and Least Cost Procurement Act ("LCP Act"), R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1.2 and the Standards for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement approved by the Commission on July 18, 2008 in Docket 3931<sup>1</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, On December 22, 2010, the Commission approved the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to electric energy efficiency, including the proposed electric EEP Charge of \$0.00526 per kWh effective January 1, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, On December 22, 2010, the Commission found that the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to natural gas efficiency programs was not in compliance with R.I.G.L. §39-2-1.2(f) because it projected a 2011 budget of \$11.5 million for gas efficiency programs resulting in a gas EEP charge of \$0.411 per dekatherm, in excess of the statutory limit of \$0.15 per dekatherm. The Commission approved the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to natural gas efficiency only up to

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<sup>1</sup> National Grid's 2011 EEP Plan is a settlement agreement executed by National Grid and the following parties: the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council, the Office of Energy Resources, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Environment Northeast and the Energy Council of Rhode Island. The Least Cost procurement Act is codified at R.I.G.L. §39-1-27.7. The Standards for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement were approved in Commission Order No. 19344 (Docket 3931).

\$0.15 per dekatherm in accordance with R.I.G.L. §39-2-1.2(f) and approved a gas EEP Charge of \$0.15 per dekatherm effective January 1, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission ordered National Grid to file revised energy efficiency tariff provisions and a revised gas efficiency program budget, and on January 7 and January 21 of 2011, National Grid filed the same in compliance with the Commission's Order; and,

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2011, the Least Cost Procurement Act was amended to remove the \$0.15 per dekatherm cap on gas energy efficiency funding; and,

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2011, National Grid filed the Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2011- Revised Natural Gas Programs ("Revised Natural Gas Plan") for effect August 1, 2011 with an overall budget of approximately \$6.6 million including a proposed increase to the gas efficiency program charge from \$0.15 to \$0.411 per dekatherm.<sup>2</sup> The Revised Natural Gas Plan proposed the same cost-effective natural gas efficiency programs that were approved by the Commission on December 22, 2010 (Order no. 20308 issued March 14, 2011); and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2011, National Grid filed the Revised Gas Energy Efficiency Program Tariff Provisions to reflect the proposed increase in the gas EEP charge to \$0.411 per dekatherm. The proposed gas EEP charge of \$0.411 per dekatherm is designed to collect estimated incremental costs of gas efficiency programs associated with the 2011 EEP Plan for the period August 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a duly noticed hearing on July 25, 2011. Jeremy Newberger of National Grid, proffered testimony regarding the Revised Natural Gas Plan and the calculation of the proposed gas EPP charge. Mr. Newberger identified the specific gas energy

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<sup>2</sup> The Revised Gas Plan is a settlement agreement executed by National Grid and the following parties: the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council, the Office of Energy Resources, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Environment Northeast and the Energy Council of Rhode Island.

efficiency programs that the Company plans to implement with the additional funding which were the same programs approved in Order 20308; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2011- Revised Natural Gas Programs and accompanying Gas Energy Efficiency Program Tariff Provisions are in compliance with R.I.G.L. §39-2-1.2(f) and the Least Cost Procurement Act.

ACCORDINGLY, it is

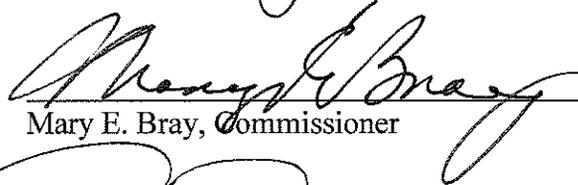
(20591) ORDERED:

1. National Grid's Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2011- Revised Natural Gas Programs including the proposed gas EEP Charge of \$0.411 per dekatherm is approved.
2. National Grid's Revised Gas Energy Efficiency Program Tariff Provisions including the \$0.0411 per dekatherm gas EEP charge is approved for effect on August 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON AUGUST 1, 2011 PURSUANT TO A BENCH DECISION ON JULY 25, 2011. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 16, 2011.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

  
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