

December 30, 2013

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket No. 4290 – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
("LIHEAP") Enhancement Plan Rate for 2014
Compliance Tariff Filing**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I am enclosing the following tariffs: (i) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") Enhancement Plan Provision (Electric), R.I.P.U.C. No. 2143, replacing R.I.P.U.C. No. 2079; and (ii) LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge (Gas), R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS, No. 101B, Section 7, Schedule C, Sheets 3 and 4, Fourth Revised, both of which reflect an effective date of January 1, 2014. The enclosed tariffs have been revised in compliance with the Commission's ruling at its December 20, 2013 Open Meeting in the above-referenced docket.

Specifically, the provisions now reflect (i) that the LIHEAP Enhancement Charge has been changed from \$0.83 to \$0.73 per month, and (ii) that interest will be applied to the fund balance at the customer deposit rate. In addition, the language of the provision has been revised to indicate that the credits issued to customers on a cumulative basis will not exceed the cumulative LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge billings. Previously, the language limited the amount of credits issued to customers during one calendar year to the amount billed through the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge during the same calendar year.

For the Commission's convenience, the Company is enclosing redlined and clean versions of the amended documents in this filing. Attachment 1 to this filing contains National Grid's clean version of the amended LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision (Electric). Attachment 2 contains National Grid's clean version of the amended LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge (Gas). Attachment 3 contains National Grid's redlined version of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision (Electric). Attachment 4 contains National Grid's redlined version of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge (Gas).

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid hereinafter referred to as "National Grid" or "the Company."

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Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7288.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosure

cc: Docket 4290 Service List
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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 transmitted to the individuals listed below. Copies of this filing were hand delivered to the RI Public Utilities Commission.



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson
National Grid

December 30, 2013
Date

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Attachment 1

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY
LIHEAP ENHANCEMENT PLAN PROVISION

In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.12, beginning January 1, 2012 and for every month thereafter, the Company shall bill to all customers a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Enhancement Plan charge (“LIHEAP Charge”) approved by the Commission, provided however that the annual charge shall not exceed ten (\$10) dollars per customer, per year. For purposes of this provision a “customer” is defined as any person taking service at a single point of electric service delivery or electric service meter.

The monthly rate for the LIHEAP Charge is \$0.73 per customer and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer’s bill.

The Company shall establish a LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund that shall be used to account for the combined funds collected through the LIHEAP Charge from both gas and electric service customers. The State Office of Energy Resource shall designate to the Company the qualifying customer accounts and the amounts to be credited from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund. The cumulative amount of credits applied to customer bills will be limited to an amount no greater than the cumulative aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year. Once the aggregate credits applied to customer bills equals the aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year, including interest as defined below, the application of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan credits would cease. Any difference in aggregate cumulative actual LIHEAP Charges billed and aggregate cumulative credits applied to customer bills, will accrue interest at the customer deposit interest rate.

The projected annual revenue in the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund collected through the gas and electric service LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charges shall not exceed seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) and shall not be less than six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).

For purposes of receiving funds from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund, a qualifying LIHEAP eligible customer shall be a household with a combined gross income equal to or less than sixty percent (60%) of the state median household income as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Census and as adjusted for family or group size by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation 45 CFR Sec. 96.85 or its successor regulation.

Effective Date: January 1, 2014

Attachment 2

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT PLAN CHARGE

**7.0 LOW INCOME
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

(LIHEAP) CHARGE: In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.12, commencing January 1, 2012 and for every month thereafter the Company shall bill to all customers a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Enhancement Plan charge (“LIHEAP Charge”) approved by the Commission, provided however that the annual charge shall not exceed ten (\$10) dollars per customer, per year. For purposes of this section a “customer” is defined as any person taking service at a single point of gas delivery or gas meter.

The monthly rate for the LIHEAP Charge is \$0.73 per customer and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer’s bill.

**7.1 LIHEAP
Enhancement
Fund:**

The Company shall establish a LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund that shall be used to account for the combined funds collected through the LIHEAP Charge from both gas and electric service customers. The State Office of Energy Resource shall designate to the Company the qualifying customer accounts and the amounts to be credited from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund. The cumulative amount of credits applied to customer bills will be limited to an amount no greater than the cumulative aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year. Once the aggregate credits applied to customer bills equals the aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year, including interest as defined below, the application of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan credits would cease. Any difference in aggregate cumulative actual LIHEAP Charges billed and aggregate cumulative credits applied to customer bills, will accrue interest at the customer deposit interest rate.

The projected annual revenue in the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund collected through the gas and electric service LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charges shall not exceed seven million five

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CHARGE**

hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) and shall not be less than six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).

**7.2 LIHEAP
Eligible
Customer:**

For purposes of receiving funds from the LIHEAP Enhancement fund in subpart 2.0 above, a qualifying LIHEAP eligible customer shall be a household with a combined gross income equal to or less than sixty percent (60%) of the state median household income as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Census and as adjusted for family or group size by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation 45 CFR Sec. 96.85 or its successor regulation.

Attachment 3

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY
LIHEAP ENHANCEMENT PLAN PROVISION

In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.12, beginning January 1, 2012 and for every month thereafter, the Company shall bill to all customers a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Enhancement Plan charge (“LIHEAP Charge”) approved by the Commission, provided however that the annual charge shall not exceed ten (\$10) dollars per customer, per year. For purposes of this provision a “customer” is defined as any person taking service at a single point of electric service delivery or electric service meter.

The monthly rate for the LIHEAP Charge is \$0.8373 per customer and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer’s bill.

The Company shall establish a LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund that shall be used to account for the combined funds collected through the LIHEAP Charge from both gas and electric service customers. The State Office of Energy Resource shall designate to the Company the qualifying customer accounts and the amounts to be credited from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund. The cumulative ~~annual~~ amount of credits applied to customer bills will be limited to an amount no greater than the cumulative aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current~~in any given~~ calendar year. Once the aggregate credits applied to customer’s bills equals the aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current~~during the~~ calendar year, including interest as defined below, the application of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan credits would cease. Any difference in aggregate cumulative projected and actual LIHEAP Charges billed~~ings and aggregate cumulative~~annual credits applied to customer bills, will accrue~~including interest at the customer deposit interest rate, in a calendar year would be added to or subtracted from the subsequent year’s projected LIHEAP Charge billings in establishing the future year’s total available funds.~~

The projected annual revenue in the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund collected through the gas and electric service LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charges shall not exceed seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) and shall not be less than six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).

For purposes of receiving funds from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund, a qualifying LIHEAP eligible customer shall be a household with a combined gross income equal to or less than sixty percent (60%) of the state median household income as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Census and as adjusted for family or group size by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation 45 CFR Sec. 96.85 or its successor regulation.

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Attachment 4

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT PLAN CHARGE

7.0 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ENHANCEMENT PLAN

(LIHEAP) CHARGE: In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.12, commencing January 1, 2012 and for every month thereafter the Company shall bill to all customers a ~~LIHEAP~~^{Low Income Home Energy Assistance} Enhancement Plan charge ("~~LIHEAP Charge~~") approved by the Commission, provided however that the annual charge shall not exceed ten (\$10) dollars per customer, per year. ~~The LIHEAP Enhancement charge approved by the Commission shall appear as a separate line item on a customer's bill.~~

For purposes of this section a "customer" is defined as any person taking service at a single point of gas delivery or gas meter.

The monthly rate for the LIHEAP ~~e~~Charge is ~~\$0.830.73~~ per customer and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer's bill, ~~provided however, that for those customers that do not receive a monthly LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charge on their January 2012 bill, their February 2012 bill will have a charge of \$1.66.~~

7.1 LIHEAP Enhancement Fund:

The Company shall establish a LIHEAP Enhancement ~~charge~~^{Plan} fund that shall be used to account for the combined funds collected through the LIHEAP ~~Enhancement e~~Charge from both gas and electric service customers. The State Office of Energy Resource shall designate to the Company the qualifying customer accounts and the amounts to be credited from the LIHEAP Enhancement ~~Plan~~ fund. The cumulative ~~annual~~ amount of credits applied to customer bills will be limited to an amount no greater than the ~~cumulative~~ aggregate projected LIHEAP ~~Enhancement Plan~~ Charges billed ~~through the end of the current in any given~~ calendar year. Once the aggregate credits applied to customer's bills equals the aggregate projected ~~Enhancement Plan LIHEAP e~~Charges billed ~~through the end of the current~~ during the calendar year, ~~including interest as defined below,~~ the ~~application of the LIHEAP~~

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Enhancement Plan credits would cease. Any difference in ~~aggregate cumulative projected and~~ actual LIHEAP Charges billings and aggregate cumulative credits applied to customer bills, will accrue interest at the customer deposit interest rate in a calendar year would be added to or subtracted from the subsequent year's projected Enhancement Plan Charge billings in establishing the future year's total available funds.

The projected annual revenue in the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund collected through the gas and electric service LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charges shall not exceed seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) and shall not be less than six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).

**7.2 LIHEAP
Eligible
Customer:**

For purposes of receiving funds from the LIHEAP Enhancement fund in subpart 2.0 above, a qualifying LIHEAP eligible customer shall be a household with a combined gross income equal to or less than sixty percent (60%) of the state median household income as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Census and as adjusted for family or group size by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation 45 CFR Sec. 96.85 or its successor regulation.

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