

December 19, 2011

**VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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

**RE: Docket 4295 – The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid  
2012 Energy Efficiency Program Plan  
Responses to Record Requests**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of National Grid's<sup>1</sup> responses to Record Requests that were issued at the Commission's Technical Session on December 13, 2011, 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) 784-7288.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

cc: Docket 4295 Service List  
Jon Hagopian, Esq.  
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<sup>1</sup> The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("Company").

Record Request 1

Request:

Please confirm whether the Company has consistently included language regarding funding from customers in all marketing mediums.

Response:

National Grid's newspaper ads included the following, "This advertisement was paid for in part by the customers of Rhode Island's electric utilities." The Comprehensive Campaign's radio ad and bus shelters did not include the language. The Company is working with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and Collaborative to include consistent language on all marketing materials in 2012.

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Record Request 2

Request:

What part of the 2011 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EEPP), Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds have been received?

Response:

Please see the 2011 EEPP, Attachment 5, Table E-1a, RGGI Projections. The table was based on the best information available at the time the plan was developed in 2010. At that time, the Company believed that allocation of funds from Auctions 6-10 would be under the same rules that guided the distribution of funds from Auctions 1-5, and that new allocations rules would be written under which the Company expected to receive 80% of the after expense revenue from Auctions 11-14. However, the Office of Energy Resources' ("OER") determined that the allocation rules needed to be revised prior to the distribution of funds from any Auctions after Auction 5. The resulting 2011 Plan for the Allocation and Distribution of RGGI Proceeds ("2011 Allocation Plan," referenced on page 15) differs from the assumptions used in the 2011 EE PP with regard to both the timing and percentage of distribution.

The Company received \$2,633,435 from the 40% Allocation of Auctions 1-5 on December 14, 2010. This completed the distribution of funds from Auctions 1-5. In accordance with the Company's Proposal for Rhode Island Innovative RGGI Programs from 2010 ("Innovative RGGI Proposal"), approved by OER, DEM and EEMRC, those funds launched the Heat Loan, Deep Energy Retrofit Pilot, Homes Version III Pilot, and began the C&I Loan fund.

To date, the Company has not received the \$6,097,447 projected in the 2011 Table E1-a. As indicated in the letter from Barbara Cesaro, marked as Exhibit Commission 4 in this docket, the OER has authorized the release of \$4,034,678, and the Company should be receiving those funds soon. The release was delayed because it could not take place until the 2011 Allocation Plan was approved and posted. The 2011 Allocation Plan allocates 80% of Auctions 6-10 to Energy Efficiency, which is different from the projections in the 2011 Table E1-a. As described in the 2012 EEPP, the Company will use these funds to fully capitalize the C&I Loan Fund in order to fulfill the commitment made in the innovative RGGI Proposal, and the need for financing funds highlighted by the Company.

Additionally, OER is currently developing the 2012 Allocation Plan for Auctions 11-14; therefore, the Company has not received any of those funds. Attachment 5, Table E1-a of the 2012 EEPP details that the Company projects receiving 80% of funds from those auctions.

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