

March 14, 2013

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

**RE: Docket 4382 - National Grid's Proposed FY 2014 Electric Infrastructure,
Safety, and Reliability Plan
Response to Commission Data Request 1-21**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid¹, I have enclosed ten (10) copies of the Company's response to Commission Data Request 1-21, which was inadvertently excluded from the Company's transmittal of its remaining responses.

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

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Teehan

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4382 Service List
Leo Wold, Esq.
Steve Scialabba, Division

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

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid
R.I.P.U.C. Docket No. 4382
In Re: Proposed FY 2014 Electric Infrastructure,
Safety and Reliability Plan
Responses to Commission's First Set of Data Requests
Issued February 18, 2013

Commission 1-21

Request:

Please provide a detail of the Mutual Aid agreements listed in Data Response 1-20, including, but not limited to the following:

- a. A brief description of the substance of the agreement.
- b. The costs associated with each agreement for the type of work.
- c. The number of Mutual Aid agreements with Rhode Island contractors and the number with contractors/vendors outside of Rhode Island.
- d. How the Mutual Aid agreements are entered into (i.e., RFP, private negotiations, etc.)
- e. The number of Mutual Aid agreements under which work was performed after Hurricane Sandy and the Blizzard of 2013 (listed separately).
- f. The costs of Mutual Aid agreements for Hurricane Sandy and a preliminary estimate of the same costs for the Blizzard of 2013.

Response:

- a. See the Attachment to Commission 1-20.
- b. The agreements provide that the Requesting Company shall reimburse Responding Company for all costs and expenses incurred by Responding Company as a result of furnishing emergency assistance. The Responding Company shall furnish documentation of expenses to the Requesting Company, and such costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Employees' wages and salaries for paid time spent in Requesting Company's service area and paid time during travel to and from such service area, plus Responding Company's standard payable additives to cover all employee benefits and allowances for vacation, sick leave and holiday pay and social and retirement benefits, all payroll taxes, workmen's compensation, employer's liability insurance and other contingencies and benefits imposed by applicable law or regulation.

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- Employee travel and living expenses (meals, lodging and reasonable incidentals).
 - Replacement cost of materials and supplies expended or furnished.
 - Repair or replacement cost of equipment damaged or lost.
 - Charges, at rates internally used by Responding Company, for the use of transportation equipment and other equipment requested.
 - Administrative and general costs, which are properly allocable to the emergency assistance to the extent such costs, are not chargeable pursuant to the foregoing subsections.
- c. Mutual assistance refers to assistance between utility companies therefore by definition the Company does not have mutual assistance agreements with vendors or contractors.
- d. Companies must request membership with the appropriate Regional Mutual Assistance Group and agree to abide by the principles of the governing mutual assistance agreement. The existing RMAG members must agree to let the requesting company join.
- e. During Hurricane Sandy, the Company performed work under the NEMAG mutual assistance agreement.
For Hurricane Sandy, a total of 28 crews worked in Rhode Island under the NEMAG mutual aid agreement. These crews came from Bangor Hydro, Maine Public Service, New Brunswick Power, and Unitol.
- During the Blizzard of 2013, there was no work performed in Rhode Island under any mutual assistance agreements.
- f. The estimated cost of Mutual Aid assistance to RI for the Hurricane Sandy event is estimated to be approximately \$457,000. This is based on a combination of actual and estimated costs, as invoices have not yet been received from all supporting companies.

The estimated cost of Mutual Aid assistance to RI for the 2013 Blizzard event is estimated to be \$0.