

January 12, 2015

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

RE: Docket 4513 – Street light Metering Pilot Proposal
Response to the RI League and WCRPC Data Request – Set 1

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I have enclosed National Grid's¹ response to the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns' and the Washington County Regional Planning Council's First Set of Data Requests, which included one question.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (781) 907-2121.

Very truly yours,



Raquel J. Webster

Enclosure

cc: Docket 4513 Service List
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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.

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Request:

On page 5 of the compliance filing made on October 23, 2014, National Grid states that “The Company proposes that all costs associated with this pilot will be recovered through a fully reconcilable mechanism from customers receiving service under the Company’s outdoor lighting Rates S-05, S-06, S-10 and S-14.” Please fully explain this mechanism, including but not limited to: i) a list of all such ratepayers; ii) how the shares would be allocated among them; iii) the methodology for such an allocation; and iv) the schedule by which the payments would be made.

Response:

The proposed cost recovery mechanism would recover the pilot costs from all outdoor lighting customers on a uniform per kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis. The Company will calculate an initial per-kWh charge by dividing the Company’s estimated pilot costs by the forecasted streetlight rate class kWhs for a twelve-month period. The monthly amount to be billed to each customer will be the per-kWh charge multiplied by the monthly kWh associated with the streetlight inventory billed to each customer’s individual billing account(s). Once the actual pilot costs have been determined, the revenue generated from billing the per-kWh charge will be compared to the actual costs incurred, and the over or under recovery of costs will be refunded to or recovered from outdoor lighting customers during a subsequent twelve-month period.

Currently, all of the Company’s outdoor lighting customers receive service under either Rate S-10 or Rate S-14. There are approximately 2,500 customers on Rate S-10 who are billed for approximately 5,400 individual lights. These customers are primarily private businesses and individuals. There are approximately 380 Rate S-14 customers who are billed for approximately 98,600 individual lights. These customers include cities, towns, the State of Rhode Island, federal government accounts, and other public entities.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

Copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

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