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> RE: Docket 4556 - 2016 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan 2016 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 1

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of National Grid's¹ responses to the first set of data requests issued by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced matter.

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

Very truly yours,

Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosure

cc: Docket 4556 Service List

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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.

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COMM 1-1

Request:

By rate class and by month, from January 1, 2015 to the present, please provide total number of customers, number of customers that switched to competitive supply, number of customers that returned to standard offer from competitive supply and amount billed under the standard offer billing adjustment. Include totals where appropriate.

Response:

Please see Attachment COMM 1-1 for the information requested.

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COMM 1-2

Request:

Can the Company say with certainty that moving to a flat bid pricing structure will not result in increased risk premiums included in supplier bids? Please provide a yes or no answer and feel free to further expand on the answer if the Company deems it necessary.

Response:

No, the Company cannot state that flat bid prices for Standard Offer Service will not include additional risk premiums due to the flat bid price structure.

The Company has reviewed the direct testimony of stakeholders filed in this proceeding and, as will be addressed in rebuttal testimony to be filed on May 8, 2015, the Company will withdraw its request for approval of a procurement strategy that will include a flat bid price structure. The Company will elaborate on this decision in its rebuttal testimony.

COMM 1-3

Request:

If the answer to question 2. is no, how can the potential risk premium be quantified?

Response:

As indicated in the response to COMM 1-2, the Company cannot state definitely that there will be an increase in the risk premium reflected in Standard Offer Service (SOS) bids as a result of moving to a flat bid price structure. Suppliers may or may not include a risk premium specifically for a flat bid price structure.

The Company does not know how each supplier monetizes the various risks that are included in their SOS bid prices. Regarding the flat bid price structure, a full requirements service supplier like NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC might include a premium for several reasons such as increased migration costs, a mismatch of revenues and costs, and financing costs.

COMM 1-4

Request:

Does the Company solicit flat price bids in any of its US service territories? If yes, where?

Response:

The Company does not solicit flat bid prices, nor did National Grid¹ solicit flat bid prices in New Hampshire when it owned Granite State Electric Company. In all of the Company's solicitations for Full Requirements Service (FRS), the suppliers have the option to provide a monthly shaped bid or a flat bid price. In most solicitations, suppliers have provided bids in the monthly shaped price structure.

National Grid's New York portfolio is procured differently from its New England portfolios and does not utilize FRS transactions.

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¹ National Grid is used in this response to distinguish between the Company, being The Narragansett Electric Company, and other National Grid electric operating companies, which procure wholesale electricity for their companies in their respective jurisdictions.

COMM 1-5

Request:

Does the Company solicit both flat and shaped bids in any of its US service territories? If yes, where? And, have flat price bids ever been accepted over fixed price bids?

Response:

National Grid¹ does not simultaneously request flat and shaped bids in the same solicitation in any of its jurisdictions.

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COMM 1-6

Request:

Page 28 of Ms. Janzen's testimony discusses the monthly pricing structure in New York. Please provide the monthly residential prices for New York for January 2014 through the present (please use the New York rate class that is most comparable to the RI A-16 class).

Response:

Please see table below.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Residential Supply Rates (SC1)

Rates are cents/kWh

	West	Genesee	Central	North	Mohawk V	Capital
_	(Zone A)	(Zone B)	(Zone C)	(Zone D)	(Zone E)	(Zone F)
Jan-2014	6.7108	6.7158	6.8728	6.4258	7.0108	12.1048
Feb-2014	6.6374	6.6424	6.7994	6.3524	6.9374	12.0314
Mar-2014	14.6269	14.4439	14.6269	14.1759	14.7989	18.0189
Apr-2014	3.1724	3.2744	3.4164	3.0764	3.5504	3.7884
May-2014	8.3229	8.3089	8.4299	8.1349	8.5439	8.6519
Jun-2014	5.0228	5.0080	5.3404	4.8889	5.5712	7.0328
Jul-2014	7.4281	7.1419	7.4183	7.0955	7.5409	7.9555
Aug-2014	7.0017	6.9065	7.1229	6.7201	7.2425	7.6461
Sep-2014	6.7935	6.7983	6.9997	6.6339	7.0873	7.5069
Oct-2014	6.7328	6.5646	6.7680	6.3952	6.8486	7.2112
Nov-2014	5.9101	5.9839	5.2666	4.7153	5.3634	6.5527
Dec-2014	5.9393	5.9298	6.1906	5.0209	6.3042	8.4770
Jan-2015	6.8906	7.4787	7.6862	7.2358	7.9762	9.0528
Feb-2015	6.0895	6.2040	6.3675	6.1475	6.4402	7.9223
Mar-2015	5.3820	5.1456	5.2642	5.0128	5.3261	7.0930
Apr-2015	5.9811	5.7162	6.1293	5.5318	6.4825	7.5331
May-2015	4.3110	4.2636	4.3440	4.1810	4.4443	5.6142