

May 27, 2015

**VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
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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 5**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of National Grid's<sup>1</sup> responses to the fifth 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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<sup>1</sup> The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.

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Joanne M. Scanlon

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Date

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Service List updated 4/29/15**

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COMM 5-1

Request:

Please provide for rate class **C-06**:

- a. Total customer count
- b. Customer count taking competitive supply
- c. Customer count taking SOS
- d. Of the customers taking SOS, please provide:
  - i. Number of customers being billed under the fixed price option
  - ii. Number of customers being billed under the variable price option

Response:

Based on the most recently available data (April 2015) for Rate Class C-06:

- a. Total number of customers – 49,477
- b. Number of customers receiving competitive electricity supply – 8,710
- c. Number of customer receiving SOS – 40,767
- d. Of the customers receiving SOS:
  - i. Number of customers being billed under the fixed price option – 40,471
  - ii. Number of customers being billed under the variable price option – 26

COMM 5-2

Request:

Please provide for rate class **G-02**:

- a. Total customer count
- b. Customer count taking competitive supply
- c. Customer count taking SOS
- d. Of the customers taking SOS, please provide:
  - i. Number of customers being billed under the fixed price option
  - ii. Number of customers being billed under the variable price option

Response:

Based on the most recently available data (April 2015) for Rate Class Rate G-02:

- a. Total number of customers – 8,145
- b. Number of customers receiving competitive electricity supply – 3,059
- c. Number of customers receiving SOS – 5,086
- d. Of the customers receiving SOS:
  - i. Number of customers being billed under the fixed price option – 109
  - ii. Number of customers being billed under the variable price option – 4,977

COMM 5-3

Request:

Given that the company is no longer proposing flat bid SOS price solicitations, is the company still proposing to eliminate the SOS variable price billing option for commercial rate classes?

Response:

No. The Company will continue to offer the Variable Price Option for the Commercial Group.

COMM 5-4

Request:

What discussions has the company had with customers in the C-06 and G-02 rate classes regarding the proposed elimination of the SOS variable price billing option as discussed on page 18 of Ms. Janzen's direct testimony? Have customers in rate classes C-06 and G-02 expressed a desire to see the SOS variable price billing option eliminated?

Response:

Please refer to the Company's response to data request COMM 5-3. The Company has not approached customers in the Commercial Group regarding the elimination of the Variable Price Option.