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

**RE: Docket 4556 - 2016 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan
2016 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan
Response to PUC Data Requests – Set 6**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of National Grid's¹ response to the sixth set of data requests, which contained one data request within the set, 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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**Docket No. 4556 - National Grid – 2016 Standard Offer Service (SOS) and Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Procurement Plans
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Request:

R.I.G.L. §39-3-37.3(a)(10) requires the Company to “conspicuously display” on bills “all costs, charges or fees.” Isn’t it a violation of this statute to include the RES charge with the SOS charge?

Response:

The Company does not believe that including the RES charge with the SOS charge violates R.I.G.L. §39-3-37.3(a)(10). Customer bills clearly identify charges that relate to delivery services and charges that relate to supply service. These charges are separately itemized and conspicuously displayed on page 2 of the bill under the headings entitled “Delivery Services” and “Supply Services”. Within each type of service, the various charges are itemized. For example, “Delivery Services” consists of the charges for distribution, energy efficiency, renewable energy distribution, transmission, and transition. Several factors are included in the “Distribution Energy Charge” on the bill in addition to the base distribution charge, such as the Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Charge and the Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor. These factors are not separately itemized. Likewise, the Net-Metering Surcharge and the Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery Factor are combined on one line under the “Renewable Energy Distribution Charge”. The statutory Renewables Charge, Energy Efficiency Program Charge and System Reliability Program Charge are similarly combined on one line on the bill.

The RES charge and the SOS charge are currently separately itemized under “Supply Services” on the bill. Because only SOS customers are subject to the RES charge, both charges make up that customer’s total “Energy Charge” for the supply portion of the bill. Therefore, combining the two charges on one line is really no different than combining any of the other distribution-related factors on the distribution energy line of the bill. Practically speaking, it would be difficult within the allotted space on a bill to separately itemize every factor or surcharge component that makes up a certain charge for a particular type of service (i.e., delivery or supply). In addition, showing numerous lines on a bill would likely result in longer bills, thereby increasing printing, paper, and postage costs, as well as potentially contributing to customer dissatisfaction regarding the length of their electric bill. Nonetheless, the Company does not object to continuing to present the RES charge as a separate line item on the bill if the PUC determines that this will provide customers with additional information and clarity regarding their monthly bill.