STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY:

d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S STANDARD OFFER : DOCKET NO. 4556

SERVICE RATES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL GROUP : FOR JANUARY 2017 THROUGH MARCH 2017 :

ORDER

I. Introduction

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) currently procures Standard Offer Service (SOS) supply on behalf of its customers pursuant to the 2016 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on July 1, 2015, which authorizes National Grid to conduct solicitations throughout the year for Standard Offer Service in varying contract lengths. Based on these solicitations, the Company files SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group twice per year and SOS rates for the Industrial Group quarterly.²

II. National Grid's Proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2017 through March 2017

On October 12, 2016, National Grid proposed the following SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2017 through March 2017:³

January 2017: \$0.08474/kWh February 2017: \$0.08345/kWh March 2017: \$0.05677/kWh

¹ PUC Order No. 22444 (Docket No. 4556) (written order issued June 21, 2016), http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4556-NGrid-Ord22444_6-21-16.pdf.

² The proposed SOS rates include the current per kWh SOS Adjustment Factor, SOS Administrative Cost Factor, and Renewable Energy Charge.

³ National Grid's SOS filing, Attachment 1 (Oct. 12, 2016), http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4556-NGrid-SOS-Industrial(10-12-16).pdf.

The three-month average of the proposed Industrial rates for the period January 2017 through March 2017 is \$0.07499/kWh. That represents a 50% increase from the three-month average rate of \$0.04996/kWh for the period October 2016 through December 2016.⁴ It also represents a 26% decrease from the three-month average rate for January 2016 through March 2016.⁵

III. Decision

On November 18, 2016, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum concluding that the proposed SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2017 through March 2017 are in compliance with the 2016 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the PUC on July 1, 2015. On November 29, 2016, based on the recommendation of the Division, the PUC voted unanimously to approve the Company's proposed SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2017 through March 2017.

⁴ Division Mem. at 3 (Nov.18, 2016), http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4556-DPU-Memo_11-18-16.pdf.

⁵ *Id*.

Accordingly, it is hereby (22640) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2017 through March 2017 are hereby approved as filed.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 1, 2017 PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISION HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2016. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 30, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Herbert F. DeSimone, Commissioner

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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