

August 13, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Solicitation for Proposals for Clean Energy Projects
Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-31-1 *et seq.*
Responses to Division Data Requests – Set 1**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of National Grid's¹ responses to the Division's First Set of Data Requests, containing only one data request within this set, in the above-referenced docket.

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

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4570 Service List
Steve Scialabba, Division
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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

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August 13, 2015

Date

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Request:

In the June 26, 2015 cover letter accompanying the Request for Proposals pursuant to the Affordable Clean Energy Act, on page 3, under Solicitation Timetable, it states that:

“Narragansett believes that this schedule sets out a fair process for bidders and sufficient opportunity for Narragansett to (1) evaluate the bids; (2) *negotiate and conclude commercially reasonable contracts*, if any, that satisfy the criteria under R.I.G.L. 39-31-1 *et seq.*; and, if it voluntarily chooses to move forward in filing a proposal (3) *submit to the PUC any resulting commercially reasonable contract(s)* subject to the jurisdiction of the PUC for approval.” (Emphasis added).

- a) If Narragansett does not intend to enter into Purchase Power Agreements as indicated in its filing, what type of contracts are anticipated in the above-referenced section of the filing letter?
- b) In the proposed RFP at § 1.2.2.3, the bid category identified as a transmission project under a performance-based tariff (delivery commitment-no PPA), if such a project was proposed and ultimately selected, would Narragansett be entering into a contract with the transmission developer and submitting the contract for PUC approval? Describe and identify the terms that would be covered under such a contract?

Response:

Under this RFP, Narragansett intends to consider proposals submitted pursuant to the Qualified Clean Energy via Transmission Project under a Performance-Based Tariff containing a Qualified Clean Energy Delivery Commitment (no PPA) bid option. Such a proposal, if selected, could result in Narragansett agreeing to a contract with the transmission developer in the form of a transmission tariff with a schedule of rates dependent on and in proportion to the fulfillment of a Qualified Clean Energy Delivery Commitment specified within that tariff.

Although the merits of such a transmission tariff would ultimately be subject to FERC jurisdiction and need to be filed for FERC approval, Narragansett would first submit the agreement to the PUC for consideration pursuant to Chapter 31 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act.

All of the terms that would be covered under such a performance-based tariff will not be known until specific proposals are received and any resulting contract negotiations are completed. At a minimum, Narragansett expects that the tariff would include the performance-based rate

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schedule for the transmission project support costs to be charged to Narragansett, and the terms of the associated Qualified Clean Energy Delivery Commitment (e.g., the supply resource(s), the energy delivery location(s), and the energy quantities to be delivered each period during the life of the agreement).