

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID TARIFF : DOCKET NO. 4631
ADVICE FILING TO AMEND NET METERING :
PROVISION CANCELING RIPUC NO. 2150 :

ORDER

On July 15, 2016, in compliance with a portion of recent legislative changes,¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) amendments to its net metering tariff. The proposed amendments reflect changes required to (1) implement the provision allowing for third-party financing of net metering systems; (2) indicate that all energy generated is valued at the point on the electric distribution system at which an eligible net metering system is interconnected; (3) define the date upon which the distribution charge is excluded from the calculation of the renewable net metering credit for public entity and multi-municipal collaborative net metering systems; and (4) reflect the change in the maximum allowable capacity for eligible net metering systems, which was increased on August 28, 2016. National Grid explained that other more substantive changes required by the legislation, such as provisions to allow for community remote net metering, would be proposed after consultation with the Office of Energy Resources.²

On August 1, 2016, the Office of Energy Resources submitted a letter supporting the proposed changes, finding them to reflect the recent legislative amendments.³ On August 9, 2016, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers submitted a memorandum summarizing the changes

¹ 2016 R.I. Pub. Laws 149 and 163; <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law16/law16163.htm>.

² National Grid filing letter (July 15, 2016). [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4631-NGrid-NetMeteringTariff\(7-15-16\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4631-NGrid-NetMeteringTariff(7-15-16).pdf).

³ Letter from Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Grant to PUC (July 29, 2016). <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4631-OER-SupportLetter.pdf>.

and recommending approval of the net metering tariff provisions contained in National Grid's proposed tariff RIPUC No. 2169.⁴ On August 12, 2016, following a review of the filings in this matter, the PUC approved the tariff effective August 12, 2016, finding it consistent with the statute.

Third party financing will allow more National Grid electric customers to invest in net metering systems and is consistent with the State's policy goals of advancing clean energy through net metering.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22609) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's tariff RIPUC No. 2169 is hereby approved for effect on and after August 12, 2016. RIPUC No. 2150 is hereby cancelled.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON AUGUST 12, 2016, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED NOVEMBER 21, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson



Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.

⁴ Scialabba Mem. (Aug. 9, 2016). http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4631-DPU-Memo8_9_16.pdf.