

**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. 4692**
SERVICE RATES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL GROUP :
PURSUANT TO THE 2018 STANDARD OFFER :
PROCUREMENT PLAN :

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 2018 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) at an Open Meeting on March 30, 2017.¹ The procurement plan authorizes National Grid to conduct solicitations throughout the year for Standard Offer Service in varying contract lengths.² Based on these solicitations, the Company files SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group twice per year and SOS rates quarterly for the Industrial Group.³ The Company’s proposed rates are designed to recover the cost of these procurements pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.8. The Company derives no profit from the collection of standard offer service rates.⁴

¹ PUC Order No. 22774 (Docket No. 4692) (May 12, 2017). The PUC ordered National Grid to follow the approved 2016 SOS Procurement Plan, as modified in Order No. 22677 issued February 22, 2017 in Docket No. 4605, for the procurement period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

² The term standard offer service refers to electric service provided to distribution customers who have elected to receive service from National Grid instead of a competitive supplier.

³ The proposed SOS rates include the current per kWh SOS Adjustment Factor, SOS Administrative Cost Factor, and Renewable Energy Charge.

⁴ R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.3

II. National Grid's Proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2019 through March 2019

On October 16, 2018, National Grid proposed the following Industrial SOS rates for the period January 2019 through March 2019:⁵

January 2019:	\$0.14919/kWh
February 2019:	\$0.14430/kWh
March 2019:	\$0.10246/kWh

The three-month average of the proposed Industrial rates for the period January 2019 through March 2019 is \$0.13198 kWh, which is a 49% increase over the October 2018 through December 2018 average of \$0.08837 kWh. In comparison, the same three-month period average for the previous year was \$0.09431 kWh.⁶

III. Decision

On November 14, 2018, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum summarizing the proposal and concluding that the calculations for National Grid's proposed Industrial SOS rates are correct and the filing is in compliance with the PUC-approved 2018 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan.⁷ On November 30, 2018, 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 2019 through March 2019.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23384) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2019 through March 2019 are hereby approved as filed.

⁵ National Grid's SOS Filing at Attach. 1, p. 1 (Oct. 16, 2018);

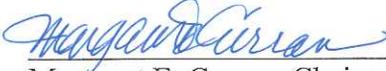
⁶ Mem. of Division at 3 (Nov. 14, 2018).

⁷ *Id.*

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, ON JANUARY 7, 2019,
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
JANUARY 11, 2019.

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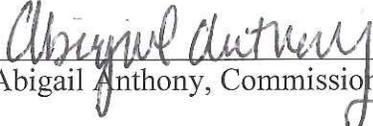




Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



Abigail Anthony, 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.