

July 13, 2018

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Docket 4770 – Application of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates Docket 4780 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Proposed Power Sector Transformation Vision and Implementation Plan Responses to Record Requests

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Company's response to Record Request No. 37, which was issued at the June 27, 2018 evidentiary hearing before the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the above-referenced dockets.

This filing includes a Motion for Protective Treatment of Confidential Information in accordance with Rule 1.2(g) of the PUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure and R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(B) for the Company's response to Record Request No. 37. The Company seeks protection from public disclosure of certain confidential information contained in the response to Record Request No. 37. Accordingly, the Company has provided the PUC with one complete, unredacted copy of the confidential document in a sealed envelope marked "Contains Privileged and Confidential Information – Do Not Release," and has included redacted copies of this document for the public filing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the Company).

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Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2153.

Very truly yours,

Celia B. O'Brien

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#### STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY ) d/b/a NATIONAL GRID – ELECTRIC AND GAS ) DISTRIBUTION RATE FILING )	Docket No. 4770
IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY )  d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED POWER )  SECTOR TRANSFORMATION (PST) VISION )  AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN )	Docket No. 4780

## THE COMPANY'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Company<sup>1</sup> respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) provide confidential treatment to and grant protection from public disclosure of certain confidential, competitively sensitive, and proprietary information submitted in this proceeding, as permitted by PUC Rule 1.2(g) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(B). The Company also requests that, pending entry of that finding, the PUC preliminarily grant the Company's request for confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 1.2 (g)(2).

#### I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

On July 13, 2018, the Company filed a response to Record Request No. 37 issued by the PUC on June 27, 2018. Record Request No. 37 sought "the amount included in Rate Year 2 and 3 in Revenue Requirement in contractual labor increases for Labor Contracts expiring during multi-year rate plan." The Company's written response Record Request No. 37 includes the dollar amounts the Company included in its revenue requirement for contractual labor increases

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for labor contracts that will expire during the proposed multi-year rate plan. This information is confidential and proprietary financial information that the Company ordinarily would not share with the public. Specifically, this information is privileged and confidential information regarding the Company's negotiation strategy with respect to the labor contracts at issue. Therefore, the Company requests that, pursuant to Rule 1.2(g), the PUC afford confidential treatment to the Company's unredacted response to Record Request No. 37.

#### II. LEGAL STANDARD

PUC Rule 1.2(g) provides that access to public records shall be granted in accordance with the Access to Public Records Act (APRA), R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1, *et seq.* Under the APRA, all documents and materials submitted in connection with the transaction of official business by an agency is deemed to be a "public record," unless the information contained in such documents and materials falls within one of the exceptions specifically identified in R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4). Therefore, to the extent that information provided to the PUC falls within one of the designated exceptions to the public records law, the PUC has the authority under the terms of the APRA to deem such information to be confidential and to protect that information from public disclosure.

In that regard, R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(B) provides that the following types of records shall not be deemed public:

Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm, or corporation which is of a privileged or confidential nature.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court has held that this confidential information exemption applies where disclosure of information would be likely either to (1) impair the Government's ability to obtain necessary information in the future; or (2) cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained. Providence Journal

Company v. Convention Center Authority, 774 A.2d 40 (R.I. 2001). Disclosure of information would impair the Government's ability to obtain such information in the future when: (a) information is provided voluntarily to the governmental agency, and (b) that information is of a kind that customarily would not be released to the public by the person from whom it was obtained. Providence Journal, 774 A.2d at 47.

#### III. BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

The information contained in the Company's unredacted response to Record Request No. 37 is privileged and confidential. This response contains privileged and confidential information about the Company's negotiations position with respect to labor contracts that will expire during the term of the proposed multi-year rate plan. If the information contained in these attachments was permitted into the public domain, the Company would be placed at a competitive disadvantage. Accordingly, it is the type of information that the Company ordinarily would not disclose to the public. Therefore, the Company is providing the unredacted response to Record Request No. 37 to the PUC on a voluntary basis to assist the PUC with its decision-making in this proceeding, but respectfully requests that the PUC provide confidential treatment to these attachments.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the PUC grant protective treatment to the Company's unredacted response to Record Request No. 37.

**WHEREFORE**, the Company respectfully requests that the PUC grant this Motion for Protective Treatment.

### Respectfully submitted,

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The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid RIPUC Docket Nos. 4770/4780 Responses to Record Requests Issued at the Commission's Evidentiary Hearing On June 27, 2018

## REDACTED Record Request No. 37

### Request:

Please provide the amount included in Rate Year 2 and 3 in Revenue Requirement in contractual labor increases for Labor Contracts expiring during multi-year rate plan.

#### Response:

The amount of labor increases included in Rate Year 2 and Rate Year 3 for Labor Contracts expiring during the multi-year rate plan is \$ and \$ and \$ , respectively.

Additionally, while the Company was preparing the response to this record request, it discovered an error in the calculation of National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. union labor charged to Narragansett Gas. The error resulted in an overstatement of \$11,434 in Rate Year 1 and \$20,664 in Rate Year 2. The Company will include this correction in its compliance filing in this proceeding.