

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

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IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY)
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID – ELECTRIC AND GAS)
DISTRIBUTION RATE FILING)
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Docket No. 4770

ISSUED MAY 1, 2018

**THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID’S
FOURTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO
THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS ROGER COLTON

A. Income Eligible

- 4-1. Mr. Colton’s testimony, page 34, line 17, through page 35, line 2, states that National Grid offers more assistance to its gas low income customers than to its electric low income customers (excluding government-funded LIHEAP grants). Can you please identify the extra assistance that is available to National Grid’s Rate 11 and 13 customers that is not available to Rate A-60 customers?
- 4-2. Mr. Colton’s testimony, page 55, lines 7-13, recommends that the determination of the low income discount be based, in part, on what a Rate A-60 customer who is with a non-regulated power producer (NPP) would have been billed for Standard Offer Service (SOS), ignoring what the customer was actually billed by the NPP. Why is it appropriate for all other customers to pay for the cost of the incremental discount if the NPP rate is less than the SOS rate and the Rate A-60 customer is already benefiting from going to the market? Why is it appropriate for the Rate A-60 customer to be harmed through a lower discount if the NPP rate is more than the SOS rate?
- 4-3. Regarding implementation of the “A60 Adder” as described in Mr. Colton’s testimony, at pages 56-64, how has the eligibility for Medicaid, General Public Assistance, and the Family Independence Program changed over the last five years?
- 4-4. Does Mr. Colton agree that the PUC should approve concurrent recovery, updated on an annual basis, of the low income discount credited to eligible customer accounts?