

July 15, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

RE: Docket No. 4770 – Application of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates Extension of Multi-Year Rate Plan Pursuant to Article II, Section C.21 of the Amended Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ enclosed, please find an electronic version² of the executed letter agreement between the Company and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the “Division”) regarding an extension of the term of the Multi-Year Rate Plan (“Rate Plan”) pursuant to Section C.21.b of the Amended Settlement Agreement (“ASA”), which the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) approved in the above-referenced docket. This filing is to notify the PUC that the Division has provided its consent to an extension of the Rate Plan under Section C.21.b of the ASA such that the Company is not required to file its next rate case so that base distribution rates take effect no later than September 1, 2022. The ASA will remain in effect and the Company will continue to operate under the existing terms and conditions of the current Rate Plan until a new Rate Plan is approved by the PUC.

I have conferred with the Division’s Chief Legal Counsel, Christy Hetherington, regarding this communication and she has indicated her concurrence with this filing.

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

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

cc: Docket No. 4770 Service List
Christy Hetherington, Esq.
John Bell, Division

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

² Per practice during the COVID-19 emergency period, the Company is providing a PDF version of the 2020 Service Quality Report. The Company will provide the Commission Clerk with five (5) hard copies and, if needed, additional hard copies of the Report at a later date.

**National Grid Docket No. 4770 (Rate Application) & Docket No. 4780 (PST)
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June 28, 2021

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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 Extension of Multi-Year Rate Plan Pursuant to Article II, Section C.21 of the Amended Settlement Agreement

Dear Linda:

Reference is made to Article II, Section C.21 of the Amended Settlement Agreement (“ASA”) dated August 16, 2018, as approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission at its Open Meeting on August 24, 2018.¹ Section C.21.a of the ASA requires the Company² to file its next rate case filing so that new base distribution rates will take effect no later than September 1, 2022. The Company would need to file its next rate case by November 2021 to meet this timing requirement.

The Company requests the Division’s consent to extend the term of the Multi-Year Rate Plan (“Rate Plan”) pursuant to Section C.21.b of the ASA, which states that,

If the Division provides its consent to an extension of the term of this Rate Plan, the Division **may** specify another date upon which new base distribution rates are to become effective beyond September 1, 2022 in its place, **but is not required to do so.** (Emphasis added.)

By signing below, the Division consents to an extension of the term of the Rate Plan such that the Company is not required to submit its next rate case filing so that base distribution rates take effect no later than September 1, 2022. Pursuant to Section C.21.b.i of the ASA, the Division agrees that the ASA will remain in effect and the Company will continue to operate under the existing terms and conditions of the current Rate Plan until a new Rate Plan is approved by the PUC, which may occur later than September 1, 2022. Base rates shall remain at the current Rate Year 3 levels until new base distribution rates are in effect.

¹ See Report and Order No. 23823, Docket No. 4770 (May 5, 2020).

² The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the “Company” or “Narragansett”)

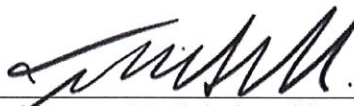
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The Company agrees and acknowledges that the Division reserves all of its rights with respect to the Rate Plan and any future base rate case filings made on behalf of National Grid or a successor company, as the case may be.³

If these terms are acceptable to the Division, please arrange to have this letter signed by the appropriate representative. If you have any questions, please contact me at (339) 223-2407.

Very truly yours,

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

By: 
Name: Terence M. Sobolewski
Title: Interim President
New England

CONSENTED AND AGREED TO:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

By: 
Name: Christy Hetherington, DPUC legal
Date: 6/30/21

cc: Christy Hetherington, Chief of Legal Services
Leo Wold, Deputy Chief of Legal Services

³ As used herein, the term “National Grid” refers to National Grid USA. Pursuant to a Share Purchase Agreement dated March 17, 2021, by and among PPL Energy Holdings, LLC, PPL Corporation (“PPL”), and National Grid USA, National Grid has agreed to sell 100 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock in Narragansett to PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of PPL (the “Transaction”). The Transaction is currently pending regulatory approval with the Division in Docket No. D-21-09.