



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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MEMORANDUM

To: Docket No. 4770 Service List
From: Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias, Deputy Chief of Legal Services
Date: April 24, 2018
Re: Docket No. 4770 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Electric and Gas Distribution Rate Filing

THIRD REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Thank you for participating in the rehearing conference. The following represents the schedule and various filing requirements for this docket.

Discovery and responses will be rolling – Parties are asked to group their data requests by topics with the appropriate labeling of the topic. **Please email a Word version in addition to a .pdf.** Electronic data response filings will be made by the respondent to the service list as they come in. At the end of the 21-day period, the respondent should provide Luly with a complete set, sequentially numbered with a cover page – the cover page will be a list of the data requests, each one followed by where the response can be found. An example is attached hereto. The full set of responses can be provided via email no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 21st day if it can be sent as one attachment. If the responses are too voluminous, please provide a cd-rom or flash drive to Luly by noon on the 21st day so she can upload it to the website and send a link by the end of the day to all of the parties.

If there is a question that got an extension, please simply note that in the answer and then follow up with a separate response just for that answer, sequentially numbered from the beginning of that answer. This is the same for true supplemental responses to amend or add additional information.

All testimony should be sequentially numbered in each package. If a party files one witness testimony and supporting attachments per package of materials, each page should be numbered sequentially for that package. If, like National Grid, a party files a book of multiple witness testimony and attachments, please number each entire book sequentially.

Technical Record Sessions – The PUC no longer anticipates conducting Technical Sessions in this docket.

Hearings will be streamed and recorded. We will be using the big tvs and, at hearings, plan to have all exhibits uploaded to a laptop so everyone can follow along when references to various documents are made.

Throughout this proceeding, the PUC will be conducting meetings so the commissioners can discuss the issues in the case among themselves and with staff. These will be separately noticed in accordance with the Open Meeting law.

A review of the testimony submitted thus far shows that several parties have suggested that Performance Incentive Mechanisms and certain items from Chapters 1 (Introduction.Vision), 3 (Grid Modernization), 4 (Advanced Metering Functionality) and 10 (tariff/recovery provision) of the Power Sector Transformation filing are more appropriate for consideration in Docket No. 4770. At this time, the PUC has not made a specific ruling of whether the issue will only be considered in one docket. As was noted at the December 21, 2017 procedural conference that if a party were to include items from Docket No. 4780 for consideration in Docket No. 4770, the party should consider whether it believes the item is more appropriate for consideration in Docket No. 4770 and in PUC Counsel's opinion, that recommendation seemed to be followed. If a party needs a firm decision, it should file a motion that the issues raised should not be in 4770 or should just be in one docket. Otherwise, the PUC will allow fluidity for a while, especially with respect to the movement of issues from 4780 to 4770.

If there is a proposed Settlement filed in this docket that incorporates programs or initiatives from Docket No. 4780 affecting the positions of parties admitted in only Docket No. 4780, those parties may, upon request, be admitted to this docket for the limited purpose for which the party was admitted into Docket No. 4780.

The following schedule contains many dates which are for the parties to file documents. If there will be a meeting or hearing, a location is listed.

12/20/2017 – **12:30 PM** – Hearing Room A - Status conference to discuss the parameters/format of the Technical Record Sessions

12/20/2017 – **1:00 PM** – Hearing Room A – Open Meeting for discussion by the commissioners and staff.

01/29/2018 – Deadline to Intervene

TBD – Evening Hearings to receive public comment, each commencing at 6:00 PM

- 1) Pawtucket
- 2) Newport or Middletown
- 3) Richmond
- 4) Providence
- 5) Narragansett
- 6) Warwick – PUC **March 15, 2018**

04/06/2018 – Division and Intervenor pre-filed Direct Testimony due (no settlement may be filed prior to the filing of all direct testimony)

03/29/2018 – All data requests issued from this date forward will have a 14-day response period.

04/20/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A - Status conference to tentatively set the hearing schedule for witnesses

04/26/2018 – All parties must submit a list of any respondents to data requests who did not submit pre-filed testimony in this docket, identifying the relevant data requests. Going forward, any data responses which are sponsored by respondents who did not sponsor testimony must be identified as such.

05/09/2018 – National Grid’s Rebuttal due – National Grid anticipates possibly submitting testimony in response to other party(ies)’ direct testimony through a witness who did not previously submit direct testimony. If this happens, National Grid’s witness shall limit his/her testimony to the scope of responding to the applicable Division testimony and explain why the new witness is needed. Parties will have the opportunity to respond to the witness in Surrebuttal. No later than this date, National Grid will make a supplemental filing to include the portions of the Power Sector Transformation filing (Docket 4780) that was referenced by other parties in this case.

05/14/2018 – Last day for parties to issue data requests

10-day response period for data requests

05/25/2018 – Last day to expect discovery responses (for data requests issued on 5/11/2018).

- National Grid will coordinate with PUC legal counsel to mark its exhibits on the originals already filed at a date and time convenient to both.

05/29/2018 – Deadline for submitting CVs or resumes of respondents to data requests who did not submit pre-filed testimony in this docket.

06/01/2018 – Division and Intervenor Surrebuttal (preferably by noon)

- PUC legal counsel may be requesting assistance in marking of Division exhibits at a date and time convenient to both.

06/05/2018 – All parties should send their exhibit lists to PUC legal counsel

06/07/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A - Prehearing conference – finalization of exhibit list for identification; technical and procedural questions

- If a party is planning to reference a specific document during cross-examination, the party shall also have eight (8) hard copies for the PUC and stenographer plus any needed for the other attorneys;
- If a party wishes to use the televisions for reference during the hearing, the party shall have the information either on a flash drive or tablet and shall be responsible for the operation of same – parties should contact the PUC beforehand to schedule a time to test any technology;

06/07/2018 – **10:00 AM** – Hearing Room A – Hearing to receive public comment

06/12/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Evidentiary hearings commence

06/13-15/2018 - Hearings continue

06/18-22/2018 – Hearings continue

06/25-06/29/2018 – Hearings continue

Hearings will commence at 9:30 AM and run through 12:30 PM for lunch. Hearings will recommence at 1:15 PM and go to 3:15 PM each day. This not a hard stop. For example, if a witness would hold over for a minimal number of questions, and we could otherwise excuse the witness.

Briefing schedule will be set after close of hearings

08/09/2018 – Target for decision at an open meeting

08/16/2018 – Target for filing compliance tariffs (Noon)

08/21/2018 – Target for Division and Intervenor comment on compliance tariffs

08/24/2018 – Target for review and ruling on compliance tariffs at an Open Meeting

08/27/2017 – Suspension runs

09/01/2018 – Effective date of the rates

SAMPLE COVER PAGE TO FULL SET OF DATA RESPONSES

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

NATIONAL GRID’S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION’S SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS

E-183 Undergrounding and Customer Credit

2-1. What is the total amount in the E-183 account dedicated to Providence and East Providence for the burial of lines?

Response can be found at page 1.

2-2. What is the status of the burial of the lines related to E-183?

Response can be found at pages 2-4.

2-3. Please provide a copy of the currently effective tariff directing the refund of the customer credit that was deferred by Providence and East Providence as set forth in Docket No. 3617 (RIPUC No. 1185 was filed in Docket No. 3617 Settlement bates pages 122-23).

Response can be found at pages 5-6.