NOTICE OF TECHNICAL RECORD SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct the third in a series of Technical Sessions on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The Technical Session will be live streamed at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg.

This docket relates to the PUC's review of National Grid’s (or Company) proposed Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan (Plan). The Plan includes the following proposals: (1) grid modernization-enabling investments; (2) advanced metering functionality; (3) beneficial electrification proposals, including an electric heat initiative and an electric transportation initiative; (4) utility-owned energy storage and solar demonstration program; and (5) a rewards program for income-eligible customers. In support of these proposals, the Plan also includes proposed performance incentive mechanisms, a cost recovery tariff designed to recover the Company’s incremental costs associated with PST activities, and a description of the revenue requirement associated with the Plan.

This Technical Session will focus on Chapter 4 (Advanced Meter Functionality) of Book One of National Grid’s proposed Plan, Workpapers 4.1 to 4.2 in Books Two and Three of the proposed Plan, as well as National Grid’s prefiled testimony in this docket. The purpose of this Technical Session is to gain an understanding of the components associated with implementation of Advance Meter Functionality (AMF) Program. The Technical Session will look at the Company’s proposed overall plan and investments to deploy AMF and the benefits expected from AMF. The Technical Session will also involve a discussion on how the Company proposes to recover costs associated with the proposed AMF investments.

Parties are advised that the PUC may also inquire about the relationship in time and scope between the proposal in this docket and that which is proposed in Docket No. 4783, The Narragansett Electric Co. dba National Grid's Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) Plan FY 2019; http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4783-NGrid-Electric-ISRFY2019_12-21-17.pdf. The proposed ISR plan includes a VVO/AMI pilot that is discussed in several parts of the proposal, but more specifically described in Section 2, pages 40 of 50 to 48 of 50, Section 4, pages 4-5, and in responses to Division of Public Utilities and Carriers’ data requests.

Representatives from National Grid may make a brief presentation with an opportunity for questions during and after the presentation from the PUC and parties’ representatives.
There will be an opportunity for public comment at the conclusion of the Technical Session.

The schedule of the remaining Technical Sessions can be found in the Procedural Schedule which is posted on the PUC’s website. The proposal and procedural schedule is available for examination at the PUC’s office. The docket can also be accessed on the PUC’s website at: http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4780page.html. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
February 5, 2018