



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties to Docket No. 4780
From: Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias, Deputy Chief of Legal Services
Date: December 21, 2017
Re: Docket No. 4780 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Electric and Proposed Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Thank you for participating in today's prehearing 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. 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 Sessions – Technical Sessions will be conducted with a stenographer. Only parties may engage in the Technical Session discussion. A party's attorney or single representative of the party may ask questions at the Technical Session. However, the transcript will not become part of the record, introduced at the hearing. Parties seeking to rely on information provided by

other parties at the Technical Session will need to seek that information through discovery or at the hearing in order for it to be considered part of the record. Likewise, any party offering information at the Technical Session will need to include such information in its testimony in order to have the information later admitted into the record. While this may lead to additional discovery to which parties will need to respond or lead to a duplication, that burden is outweighed by the burden that a more formal process would put on intervenors with limited resources to hire counsel to appear at multiple technical sessions at the PUC. The PUC will allocate some time at the end of the Technical Sessions to allow for public comment.

Technical Sessions and 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.

The Commissioners were very concerned with the questionable availability of witnesses for this matter over extended periods. Hearings will be scheduled between the end of July and mid-August. On April 20, 2018, the status conference will set hearing dates and parties will be expected to accommodate the schedule set by the Commission.

Written public comment may be submitted throughout this proceeding. Public comment hearing(s) will be noticed separately.

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.

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.

01/12/2018 – National Grid pre-filed Direct Testimony

01/26/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Technical Session - Chapter 3

01/29/2018 – Deadline to Intervene

01/31/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Technical Session – Performance Incentive Mechanisms

02/08/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Technical Session – Advanced Metering Functionality

02/20/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Technical Session – Electric Vehicles followed by another Technical Session on Heating

02/21/2018 – **9:30 AM** – Hearing Room A – Technical Session – Solar proposal either followed by or in conjunction with Storage proposal

04/18/2018 – Division and Intervenor pre-filed Direct Testimony due (no settlement may be filed prior to the filing of all direct testimony)

04/19/2018 – 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 set the hearing dates

05/16/2018 – National Grid Rebuttal due

06/06/2018 – Division and Intervenor Surrebuttal due

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.