

August 26, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket 4935 – 2020 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan
Response to PUC Data Requests – Set 1**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Company”), enclosed please find an electronic version¹ of the Company’s response to the Public Utilities Commission First Set of Data Requests in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4935 Service List
John Bell, Division, Division
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¹ Per practice during the COVID-19 emergency period, the Company is providing PDF versions of the enclosures. The Company will provide the Commission Clerk with hard copies and, if needed, additional hard copies of the enclosures at a later date.

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid
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Request:

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-27.3, Standard Offer service ends at the end of 2020 and will be replaced with Last Resort Service. How is National Grid expecting to effectuate that transition? Please include how National Grid intends to transfer contracts and what changes need to be made to tariffs.

Response:

The Company has drafted an amendment to the Master Power Agreement that it will seek to execute with its suppliers prior to the next Request for Proposals ("RFP") bid date in October. The amendment states that, effective January 1, 2021, all references to "Standard Offer Service" are to be replaced with "Last Resort Service" throughout the Master Power Agreement and will apply to all existing and new transactions entered into by the parties. The Company will issue its next RFP on September 11, 2020 and it will update its RFP Notice template prior to issuance.

With regard to changes to tariffs, all references to "Standard Offer Service" in all Company tariffs will be replaced with "Last Resort Service."

The affected tariffs include the following:

- Summary of Rates - Standard Offer Service, RIPUC No. 2096
- Tariff for Standard Offer Service, RIPUC No. 2202
- Basic Residential Rate (A-16) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2183
- Low Income Rate (A-60) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2215
- Large Demand Back-Up Service Rate (B-32) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2185
- Small C&I Rate (C-06) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2186
- General C&I Rate (G-02) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2187
- Large Demand Rate (G-32) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2188
- Station Power Delivery and Reliability Service Rate (M-1) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2189
- Street and Area Lighting – Customer Owned Equipment (S-05) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2190
- Decorative Street and Area Lighting Service (S-06) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2191
- Limited Service – Private Lighting (S-10) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2192
- General Street and Area Lighting Service (S-14) Retail Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2193

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- Electric Propulsion Rate (X-01) High Voltage Delivery Service, RIPUC No. 2194
- Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service, RIPUC No. 2217
- Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service, Appendix A, Policy 3, Line Extension and Construction Advance Policy for Commercial, Industrial and Existing Residential Customers, RIPUC No. 2217-A
- Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers, RIPUC No. 1191
- Terms and Conditions for Greenup Service, RIPUC No. 2004
- Off Cycle Meter Read for Switch of Supplier, RIPUC No. 2204
- Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Rate, RIPUC No. 2221
- Residential Assistance Provision, RIPUC No. 2216
- Net Metering Provision, RIPUC No. 2207
- Renewable Energy Growth Program for Residential Customers, RIPUC No. 2151-G
- Renewable Energy Growth Program for Non-Residential Customers, RIPUC No. 2152-G
- Renewable Energy Growth Small Scale Solar Rules
- Renewable Energy Growth Solar Wind Hydro AD Rules

The revised tariffs will be effective January 1, 2021. However, the Company plans to file the tariffs for approval in September which provides sufficient time to update various web pages and links on the Company's website that will be changed to reflect the change to Last Resort Service. In addition to updating the aforementioned tariff provisions on the Company's website at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/ri-home/Rates/Tariff-Provisions.aspx>, the Company will also update the Supply Costs content at the following link, <https://www.nationalgridus.com/RI-Home/Rates/Supply-Costs>, to replace references to "Standard Offer Service" with "Last Resort Service".

With regards to customer bills, the Company will maintain the same term, ("Energy Charge"), that is currently used for the supply services portion of customer bills. Beginning January 1, 2021, in the "For Your Information" section of customer bills, the Company will change reference of "Standard Offer Service" and "SOS" to "Last Resort Service" and "LRS." Annually, the Company provides a Summary of Rates bill insert which includes a description of Standard Offer Service and a summary of SOS rates in effect at the time of the insert. This bill insert is also posted on the Company's website at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/RI-Home/About-Your-Bill/Bill-Inserts>. The Company will change references in this bill insert and include a discussion regarding the transition from Standard Offer Service to Last Resort Service.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.



Joanne M. Scanlon

August 26, 2020
Date

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2020 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Procurement Plans
Service List updated 7/17/2020**

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