

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID’S 2020 STANDARD OFFER :
SERVICE PROCUREMENT PLAN AND : **DOCKET NO. 4935**
2020 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD :
PROCUREMENT PLAN :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2019, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-27.3 and 39-1-27.8, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) its proposed Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan for Calendar Year 2020;¹ and

WHEREAS, National Grid proposed to continue procuring energy supply for customers who do not purchase competitive energy supply using the same methodology approved by the PUC in National Grid’s 2019 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan; and

WHEREAS, National Grid contended that continuing to procure energy using a laddered and layered procurement method -- contracting for energy at different points in time, resulting in a blended rate for customers -- is reasonable because, as the PUC noted in Order No. 23366, it protects customers from extremes in short-term market volatility; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2019, National Grid also filed its 2020 Renewable Energy Procurement Plan, proposing to continue following the approved 2019 Renewable Energy Procurement Plan whereby National Grid would use New Renewable Energy Certificates obtained

¹ Under prior approved procurement plans, as of January 1, 2020, National Grid will have procured 90% of the residential class load and 75% of the commercial class load. National Grid’s 2019 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan at Schedule 1B; [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-2019-SOS-RES-Plans\(3-1-18\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-2019-SOS-RES-Plans(3-1-18).pdf). The 2020 procurement plan will procure portions of energy for these classes through March 2022. National Grid’s 2020 Standard Offer Service Filing at Attachment A; <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4935page.html>.

through its Long-Term Renewable Energy Contracts and from the Renewable Energy Growth Program to satisfy its obligation under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-4;² and

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) submitted a memorandum from John Bell, Chief Accountant, recommending approval of both proposals; and

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2019, the PUC reviewed the filings and approved both procurement plans without modification. There was no evidence in the record that suggested either plan was unjust or unreasonable nor that there had been any change in circumstances to require modifications to the previously approved procurement plans.

Accordingly, it is hereby,

(23648) ORDERED:

1. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's 2020 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan is hereby approved.
2. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's 2020 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan is hereby approved.

² National Grid's 2020 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JUNE 12, 2019, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JUNE 12, 2019. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 14, 2019.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Abigail Anthony

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*Commissioner Gold concurs with this decision but is unavailable for signature.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Rhode Island Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.