

March 13, 2020

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

**RE: Docket 5005 – 2020 Annual Retail Rate Filing
Responses to Division Data Requests – Set 2**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid¹ enclosed please find ten (10) copies of the Company's responses to the Division's Second Set of Data Requests in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosures

cc: Docket 5005 Service List
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¹The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

Division 2-1

Request:

Reference testimony of Robin E. Pieri, page 8, lines 8-10, where on Page 1 of Schedule REP-2 or pages 2-4 are the over and under estimation of capacity costs included?

Response:

Page 7 of Schedule REP-2 presents the over/under-recovery of actual capacity costs versus the estimates. These amounts are inherently included in the over/under-recovery balance of the Standard Offer Service base reconciliation shown on pages 2-4 of Schedule REP-2. For instance, the Residential group had an estimated over-recovery of capacity costs of approximately \$715,000 for the period April 2019 through December 2019 as shown on page 7, line (10). This \$715,000, while not explicitly shown on Schedule REP-2, page 2 (the Residential customer group Standard Offer Service base reconciliation), is a contributing component of the total over-recovery of \$7.4 million shown on page 2, line (13), column (e).

Division 2-2

Request:

Reference Schedule REP-3, page 2, line 14. The percentage of industrial SOS kWh is 19.76% versus 11.99% last year.

- (a) What is the cause of this increase?
- (b) Are more industrial customers utilizing SOS and if so why?

Response:

- (a) The ratio of industrial SOS kWh to total kWh fluctuates monthly. Many factors can influence this variability, including customers transitioning between SOS and competitive supply, the variability of when individual customers' usage changes (increases and decreases) during the year as compared to other customers, adjustments associated with past bills where both kWh and charged amounts are adjusted, and finally the timing of when meters are read and billed. Over the last two years, the percentage of SOS kWh has varied from 6% to 20%. Although the January 2020 percentage of SOS kWh is at the high end of this range, the Company has traditionally used the most recent month's data to calculate the estimated SOS kWh for the upcoming year and the resulting SOS adjustment factor proposed in the filing.
- (b) There is no significant change in the number of Industrial customers receiving SOS this year compared to last year. In 2018 there was an average of 265 SOS Industrial customers. In 2019 there was an average of 261 SOS Industrial customers.

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Joanne M. Scanlon

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