

September 21, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket 5067 - 2020 Gas Customer Choice Program
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 1**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I have enclosed an electronic version of National Grid's¹ response to the Public Utilities Commission's First Set of Data Requests in the above-referenced docket.²

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Very truly yours,



Raquel J. Webster

Enclosure

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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company).

² 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.

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Request:

Do the changes proposed to the Customer Choice Program affect the DAC, GCR, NGPMP and/or the Gas Long-Range Resource and Requirements Plan? If so, how?

Response:

Below is a description of how the proposed changes to the Customer Choice Program impact the (1) DAC; (2) GCR; (3) NGPMP; and (4) The Gas Long-Range Resource and Requirements Plan.

- (1) DAC: The proposed changes to the Customer Choice Program do not impact the DAC.
- (2) GCR: The proposed changes to the Customer Choice Program impact the GCR as the calculation of gas costs assumes that the proposed changes will be implemented. Therefore, the Marketer releases factored into the calculations are seen as adjustments to the capacity contracts proposed to be released as opposed to the smaller list of capacity contracts under the current program. Also, since the Marketers are getting a "slice of the portfolio", the surcharge/credit applied to the current capacity paths is no longer required or factored into the GCR calculations.
- (3) NGPMP: The proposed changes to the Customer Choice Program will not significantly impact the NGPMP. Although capacity available for optimization will be allocated differently, the Company expects that the impact on the performance of the NGPMP will be minimal. (4) Gas Long-Range Resource and Requirements Plan ("LRP"): The proposed changes to the Customer Choice Program impact LRP in the same manner in which they impact the GCR. Please see response (2) above.

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

September 21, 2020

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