

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID : **DOCKET NO. 5144**
TARIFF ADVICE FILING TO AMEND :
R.I.P.U.C. NG-Gas NO. 101-B :

ORDER

On April 8, 2021, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed a tariff advice to amend its Gas Tariff, R.I.P.U.C. NG-Gas No. 101-B, Schedule C. Specifically, the Company requested that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) allow it to remove the dollar amount of the Low-Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) charge from the tariff.¹ In support of its request, National Grid stated that in 2012 when the Company added the LIHEAP Enhancement Charge provision to the tariff, it included the specific charge amount. Currently the tariff includes an amount of \$0.81 per customer which is incorrect, because when the amount changed to \$0.80 on January 1, 2019, it was inadvertently not updated in the tariff. In order to prevent this oversight from occurring in the future, the Company proposes removing the charge amount from the tariff which is consistent with National Grid’s electric LIHEAP Enhancement Plan provision that does not contain the specific dollar amount. Additionally, the Company notes that its Gas Tariff does not contain other rates and factors, i.e., Energy Efficiency surcharge, Distribution Adjustment Charge factors, and Gas Cost Recovery factors.

¹ While the amount of the charge is being removed from the tariff, the tariff still retains a section that describes the charge at length under “Other Miscellaneous Charges,” including a specific sentence which states: “The monthly rate for the LIHEAP Charge is a per customer charge and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer’s bill. The LIHEAP Charge is set annually, effective January 1.”

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed comments on May 3, 2021. The Division recommended approval of the proposed change finding that the Company had established a reasonable basis for elimination of the specific LIHEAP charge from the tariff.

At an Open Meeting on May 6, 2021, the Commission approved National Grid's request to amend its Gas Tariff, R.I.P.U.C. NG-Gas No. 101-B, Schedule C.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24055) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Request to amend its Gas Tariff, R.I.P.U.C. NG-Gas No. 101-B, Schedule C is approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 6, 2021 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 6, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 13, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO 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 Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.