

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :  
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID’S STANDARD OFFER : DOCKET NO. 4809  
SERVICE RATES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL GROUP FOR :  
THE PERIOD JULY 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019 :**

**ORDER**

**I. Introduction**

On April 17, 2019, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed its proposed Standard Offer Service (SOS) Rates for the Industrial Group for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.<sup>1</sup> On May 9, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum summarizing National Grid’s proposal and concluding that National Grid’s proposed Industrial SOS rates were correctly calculated and that the filing complied with the Company’s approved 2019 SOS Procurement Plan. At an Open Meeting on April 8, 2019, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) approved the proposed rates, as filed.

**II. National Grid’s Proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for July 2019 through September 2019 for the Industrial Group**

National Grid currently procures SOS supply on behalf of its customers pursuant to the 2019 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Commission at an Open Meeting on September 6, 2018.<sup>2</sup> The procurement plan authorizes National Grid to conduct solicitations throughout the year for Standard Offer Service in varying contract lengths.<sup>3</sup> Based on these solicitations, the Company files SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group twice per year and SOS rates for

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<sup>1</sup> All filings in this docket are available at the PUC offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island or at [https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-SOSRates\(4-17-19\).pdf](https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-SOSRates(4-17-19).pdf)

<sup>2</sup> PUC Order No. 23366; [https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-Ord23366%20\(1-3-19\).pdf](https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-NGrid-Ord23366%20(1-3-19).pdf).

<sup>3</sup> The term standard offer service refers to electric service provided to distribution customers who have elected to receive service from National Grid instead of a competitive supplier.

the Industrial Group quarterly.<sup>4</sup> In this filing, National Grid proposed Industrial SOS retail rates for July 2019 through December 2019. The Company's proposed rates are designed to recover the cost of these procurements pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.8. The Company derives no profit from the collection of standard offer service rates.<sup>5</sup>

The Industrial Group rate includes a current per kWh Standard Offer Adjustment Factor of \$0.00138, an Administrative Cost Factor of \$0.00233, and a Renewable Energy Charge of \$0.00063. The rates vary by each month of the quarter: \$0.06808/kWh for July; \$0.06299 /kWh for August; and \$0.07013/kWh for September.<sup>6</sup> The three-month average of these rates is \$0.07141/kWh, which is a 25% decrease when compared with the April 2019 through June 2019 rate of \$0.09622/kWh. In comparison, the average for July 2018 through September 2018 was \$0.07209/kWh. The five-year average, from 2014 through 2018, for the months of July through September was \$0.06350/kWh.<sup>7</sup>

### **III. Division's Position**

On May 9, 2019, the Division filed a memorandum summarizing National Grid's proposal and concluding that National Grid's proposed Industrial SOS rates were correctly calculated and that the filing complied with the PUC-approved SOS Procurement Plan.<sup>8</sup> The Division noted that it had reviewed copies of the Company's March 8, 2019 Request for Proposals to solicit SOS supply, a redacted (and unredacted) summary of the procurement process identifying key actions taken by the Company, and redacted (and unredacted) versions of executed Transaction Confirmations for the Industrial, Residential, and Commercial Groups. Additionally, the Division

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<sup>4</sup> The proposed SOS rates include the current per kWh SOS Adjustment Factor, SOS Administrative Cost Factor, and Renewable Energy Charge.

<sup>5</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.3.

<sup>6</sup> Filing at Attach.1 (Apr. 17, 2019).

<sup>7</sup> Division Memo at 3; [https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-DIV-Memo\\_5-9-19.pdf](https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4809-DIV-Memo_5-9-19.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 2.

reviewed the Company's calculation of the SOS retail rates and a typical bill analysis for the Industrial Group. The Division recommended approval of the Company's filing and the Industrial retail rates for the period July 2019 through September 2019.

**IV. Commission's Decision**

At an Open Meeting on April 8, 2019, the PUC unanimously approved the Company's rates as filed, finding the same to be reasonable and in conformance with the approved procurement plan.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24583) ORDERED:

1. The proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the period July 2019 through September 2019 are approved.
2. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a/ National Grid's Motion for Protective Treatment for Confidential Attachments 5 and 6 is hereby granted.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JULY 1, 2019 PURSUANT TO A BENCH DECISION ON JUNE 17, 2019. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED FEBRUARY 6, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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\*Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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\*Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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\*Chairperson Curran and Commissioner Gold's respective terms have expired so they are 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 Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.