

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2011
SETTLEMENT OF THE PARTIES AND PROPOSED
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM TARIFF
PROVISIONS FOR GAS AND ELECTRIC

DOCKET NO. 4209

ORDER

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2010 the Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") filed its proposed Energy Efficiency Program Plan For 2011 Settlement of the Parties ("2011 EEP Plan") and Proposed Energy Efficiency Program Tariff Provisions for Gas and Electric ("2011 EEP Tariffs"); and

WHEREAS, the 2011 EEP Plan proposes budgets of \$ 11.5 million and \$ 54 million for gas and electric efficiency programs resulting in a separate charge to customers of \$ 0.411/dkthm (gas) and \$0.00526/kWh (electric); and

WHEREAS, the 2011 EEP Tariffs would allow National Grid to collect projected costs associated with its energy efficiency programs for the upcoming year and to reconcile all costs and revenues from energy efficiency programs for the current year; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to electric efficiency programs is in compliance with applicable Rhode Island General Laws, including without limitation R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1.2; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to natural gas efficiency programs is not in compliance with R.I.G.L. 39-2-1.2(f) since it projects a budget of \$ 11.5 million and resulting EEP charge of \$0.411/dkthm, in excess of the statutory limit of \$ 0.15/dkthm.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a primary responsibility to ratepayers, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1, to ensure that all rates and/or charges collected by utilities are reasonable and just, and this responsibility must be carried out in all proceedings before the Commission.

ACCORDINGLY, it is

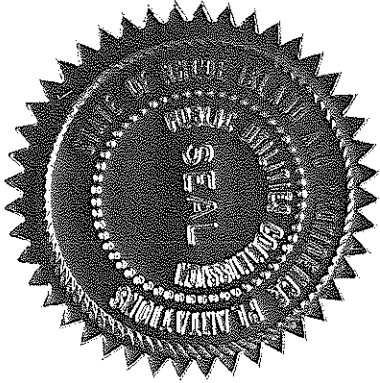
(20236) ORDERED:

1. The 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to electric energy efficiency, including the proposed electric EEP charge of \$0.00526/kWh, is hereby approved.
2. The 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to natural gas efficiency is approved up to \$ 0.15/dkthm in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1.2(f).
3. The 2011 EEP Tariffs filed by National Grid are approved for electric efficiency programs at \$ 0.00526/kWh and for natural gas efficiency programs up to \$ 0.15/dkthm.
4. All Energy Efficiency Tariff Provisions filed by National Grid, including any revisions thereof, shall comply with the provisions of this Order, including without limitation the Commission's approval of the 2011 EEP Plan as it relates to electric efficiency programs at \$ 0.00526/kWh and for gas efficiency programs up to \$ 0.15/dkthm.
5. Within 30 days, National Grid shall file a revised budget for gas efficiency programs in compliance with the provisions of this Order.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 23, 2010

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON DECEMBER 22, 2010.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani

Elia Germani, Chairman

Mary E. Bray

Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner*

*Commissioner Roberti dissented from the Commission's approval of the Company's 2011 EEP Plan and Tariffs for gas efficiency programs up to \$ 0.15/dkthm. Commissioner Roberti concurred with the majority's approval of the 2011 EEP Plan and Tariffs relating to electric efficiency programs. His dissenting opinion will be attached to the Commission's final report and order.