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Good Afternoon,

In its Arrearage Management Plan filing (Docket No. 4651), National Grid included an amendment to the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision. This tariff does not appear to relate to the AMP, but rather, more closely relates to Docket No. 4290, the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charge filed by DHS on October 4, 2016 (Docket 4290). Therefore, the PUC will address the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision at the same time as the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge, all within Docket No. 4290, consistent with prior years.

Thank you, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

-Cindy

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THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY
LIHEAP ENHANCEMENT PLAN PROVISION

In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.12, the Company shall bill monthly to all customers a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Enhancement Plan charge (“LIHEAP Charge”) approved by the Commission, provided however that the annual charge shall not exceed \$10 per customer, per year. For purposes of this provision a “customer” is defined as any person taking service at a single point of electric service delivery or electric service meter.

The monthly rate for the LIHEAP Charge is \$0.73 per customer and shall appear as a separate line item on a customer’s bill.

The Company shall establish a LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund that shall be used to account for the combined funds collected through the LIHEAP Charge from both gas and electric service customers. The Rhode Island Department of Human Services (“DHS”) shall designate to the Company the qualifying customer accounts and the amounts to be credited from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund. The cumulative amount of credits applied to customer bills will be limited to an amount no greater than the cumulative aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year. Once the aggregate credits applied to customer bills equals the aggregate projected LIHEAP Charges billed through the end of the current calendar year, including interest as defined below, the application of the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan credits would cease. Any difference in aggregate cumulative actual LIHEAP Charges billed and aggregate cumulative credits applied to customer bills, will accrue interest at the customer deposit interest rate.

The projected annual revenue in the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund collected through the gas and electric service LIHEAP Enhancement Plan charges shall not exceed seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) and shall not be less than six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).

Beginning on September 1, 2016 and monthly thereafter between April 15 and September 30 of each year, the Company will set aside a minimum of 5 percent of the funds collected through the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan, to be allocated to provide assistance to customers seeking LIHEAP certification for the sole purpose of entering into the Arrearage Management Program (“AMP”) as defined in R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1(d)(2). This fund is designated for homeless families or individuals who are transitioning from a shelter into housing who provide acceptable documentation to DHS. Remaining funds available after September 30 of each year will be eligible for use in the upcoming winter season.

For purposes of receiving funds from the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan fund, a qualifying LIHEAP eligible customer shall be a household with a combined gross income equal to or less than 60 percent of the state median household income as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Census and as adjusted for family or group size by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation 45 C.F.R. § 96.85 or its successor regulation.

Effective Date: October 1, 2016