

December 3, 2013

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Docket 4404 – Commission Review into the Adequacy of Renewable Energy
Supplies Pursuant to R.I. General Laws §39-26-6
Responses to Record Requests**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid¹, attached are ten (10) copies of the Company's responses to record requests issued at the Commission's evidentiary hearing on October 24, 2013 in this proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Teehan

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4404 Service List
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¹ Submitted on behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company").

Record Request 1

Request:

Please reference the page and line number for each of the changes to the testimony of Margaret M. Janzen, originally filed in this docket on September 25, 2013.

Response:

As a result of the updated commercial operation dates in the response to COMM 2-1, the following updates would be made to the testimony of Ms. Janzen:

- a. Graph 1 on page 9 should be replaced with the response to COMM 2-1.
- b. The corresponding Table 1 on page 8 should be replaced with the response to DIV 1-2.
- c. Page 9 at line 7-8 should have the following phrase deleted: "based on the oversupply projection of New RECs from its Long-Term Renewable Contracts."
- d. Page 15 at line 9 should replace "2015" with "2017".
- e. Page 15 at line 19 should delete the sentence starting with "Based on..." and delete the following sentence on page 16 at line 2 starting with "Therefore..."
- f. Page 16 at line 7 should replace "2015" with "2017".
- g. Page 7 at line 10 should replace "will" with "may", which is a typographical error.

Record Request 2

Request:

The following questions pertain to the Orbit Energy project with a long term power purchase agreement approved by the RI PUC on July 28, 2011.

- 2a. Has Orbit signed a lease on the new parcel?
- 2b. Did Orbit sign a lease on the first parcel?
- 2c. Are the two parcels controlled by the same third party?
- 2d. Is the new parcel part of the previous site?

Response:

- 2a. Orbit has indicated to the Company that it has signed a lease on the new parcel and provided an executed copy to the Company.
- 2b. Orbit has indicated to the Company that it did not sign a lease on the first parcel; Orbit only had a Letter of Intent, which Orbit did not convert to a lease since the landlord was unable to produce a clean title.
- 2c. Orbit has indicated to the Company that the two parcels are owned by two different parties.
- 2d. Orbit has indicated to the Company that the new parcel is not part of the previous parcel.

Record Request 3

Request:

The following questions pertain to National Grid's solicitation for long term contracts in Massachusetts in compliance with Section 83A of the Massachusetts Green Communities Act).

- 3a. Did National Grid sign contracts with projects that had permits at the time of the solicitation?
- 3b. How many megawatts were secured by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid via long-term contracts?
- 3c. What opportunities lie for Rhode Island to sign up additional long-term contracts and get some of similarly-priced, low-cost wind while it is available?

Response:

- 3a. While at least one of the projects had a state permit in-hand at the time the contracts were executed, the majority of the projects did not.
- 3b. Currently, National Grid has 188 MW under long-term contracts pursuant to Section 83A. This is in addition to the contract that National Grid entered into, pursuant to the original Section 83, which was for 234 MW contracted with Cape Wind. This totals 422 MW currently under long-term contract in Massachusetts.
- 3c. The Company understands that the Production Tax Credit is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2013. These tax benefits may or may not be extended past this deadline, as they had been extended last year. It is not feasible that National Grid could run a competitive solicitation and execute contracts before that deadline. The Company has no way of knowing what contract pricing may be offered in future periods; the expiration of tax benefits may be offset by lower costs for construction and financing of wind and other renewable energy projects, or those costs may rise.

The Company notes that the Champlain contract approved on October 25, 2013 contains pricing below 8 cents/kWh. Additionally, there is one remaining solicitation under the Rhode Island Long-Term Contracting Standard required to be held by July 1, 2014.

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