

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY:
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID’S STANDARD OFFER : DOCKET NO. 4605
SERVICE RATES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL GROUP, :
COMMERCIAL GROUP, AND INDUSTRIAL GROUP :
PURSUANT TO THE 2017 STANDARD OFFER :
PROCUREMENT PLAN :

ORDER

I. Introduction

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) currently procures Standard Offer Service (SOS) supply on behalf of its customers pursuant to the 2017 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) at an Open Meeting on June 27, 2016.¹ The procurement plan authorizes National Grid to conduct solicitations throughout the year for Standard Offer Service in varying contract lengths. Based on these solicitations, the Company files SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group twice per year and SOS rates for the Industrial Group quarterly.²

II. National Grid’s Proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period April 2017 through September 2017 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2017 through June 2017

On January 19, 2017, National Grid proposed a Residential SOS rate of \$0.06766/kWh for the period April 2017 through September 2017.³ This represents a decrease of \$0.01413/kWh, or 17%, from the current Residential SOS rate of \$0.08179kWh.⁴

¹ PUC Order No. 22677 (Docket No. 4605) (Jun. 27, 2016); http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-NGrid-Ord22677_2-22-17.pdf. The PUC ordered National Grid to follow the approved 2016 SOS Procurement for the 2017 procurement period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with one minor amendment.

² The proposed SOS rates include the current per kWh SOS Adjustment Factor, SOS Administrative Cost Factor, and Renewable Energy Charge.

³ National Grid’s SOS Filing, Attch. 1 at 2 (Jan. 19, 2017); [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-NGrid-SOS-Rates\(1-18-17\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-NGrid-SOS-Rates(1-18-17).pdf).

⁴ Mem. of Division at 3 (Feb. 15, 2017); http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-DPU-Memo_2_15_17.pdf.

The Company proposed a fixed Commercial SOS rate of \$0.0707/kWh for the same period.⁵ This proposed rate is a decrease of \$0.01326/kWh, or 16%, from the current fixed Commercial SOS rate of \$0.08396/kWh.⁶ The Company proposed the following variable Commercial SOS rates:⁷

April 2017:	\$0.06012/kWh
May 2017:	\$0.05426/kWh
June 2017:	\$0.07554/kWh
July 2017:	\$0.07824/kWh
August 2017:	\$0.07769/kWh
September 2017:	\$0.07375/kWh

The Company proposed the following Industrial SOS rates for the period April through June 2017:⁸

April 2017:	\$0.04792/kWh
May 2017:	\$0.04314/kWh
June 2017:	\$0.05492/kWh

The three-month average of the proposed Industrial rates for the period April 2017 through June 2017 is \$0.04866/kWh. That represents a 35% decrease from the three-month average rate of \$0.07498/kWh for the period January 2017 through March 2017.⁹

III. Decision

On February 15, 2017, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum concluding that the proposed SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period April 2017 through September 2017 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2017 through June 2017 are in compliance with the 2016 SOS Procurement Plan as modified by the PUC at an Open Meeting on June 27, 2016. On February 27, 2017, based on the

⁵ National Grid's SOS Filing, Attach. 1 at 4.

⁶ Mem. of Division at 3.

⁷ National Grid's SOS Filing, Attach. 1 at 4.

⁸ *Id.* at 5.

⁹ Mem. of Division at 3.

recommendation of the Division, the PUC voted unanimously to approve the Company's proposed SOS rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period April 2017 through September 2017 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2017 through June 2017.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22711) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period April 2017 through September 2017 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2017 through June 2017 are hereby approved as filed.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 1, 2017 PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISION HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MARCH 9, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Handwritten signature of Herbert F. DeSimone in blue ink.

Herbert F. DeSimone, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Marion S. Gold in blue ink.

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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 (7) 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.