

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 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 Industrial Group for the period January 2018 through March 2018

On October 13, 2017, National Grid proposed the following Industrial SOS rates for the period January 2018 through March 2018:³

January 2018:	\$0.10522/kWh
February 2018:	\$0.10204/kWh
March 2018:	\$0.07567/kWh

¹ PUC Order No. 22677 (Docket No. 4605) (June 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.

³National Grid’s SOS Filing at Attach. 1 (Oct. 13, 2017); [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-NGrid-SOS-Rates-Industrial\(10-13-17\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-NGrid-SOS-Rates-Industrial(10-13-17).pdf).

These rates include the Standard Offer Adjustment Factor of (\$0.00507/kWh), the Administrative Cost Factor of \$0.00122/kWh, and the Renewable Energy Standard Charge of \$0.00040.⁴ The three-month average of the proposed Industrial rates for the period January 2018 through March 2018 is \$0.09431/kWh. That represents a 46% increase from the three-month average rate of \$0.06440/kWh for the period October 2017 through December 2017.⁵ The proposed average of \$0.09431/kWh is 26% higher than the average Industrial SOS rate of \$0.07499 for the same three-month period in the previous year.⁶

III. Decision

On May 1, 2017, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum concluding that the proposed SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2018 through March 2018 are in compliance with the 2016 SOS Procurement Plan as modified by the PUC at an Open Meeting on June 27, 2016.⁷ On November 21, 2017, based on the recommendation of the Division, the PUC voted unanimously to approve the Company's proposed SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2018 through March 2018.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Mem. of Division at 3 (Nov. 11, 2017); [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-DPU-Memo\(11-15-17\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4605-DPU-Memo(11-15-17).pdf).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22992) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the period January 2018 through March 2018 are hereby approved as filed.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 1, 2018 PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISION HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2018. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 22, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

Commissioner Gold concurs with the decision but is 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 (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.