

September 22, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

RE: Docket 4672 - Proposed 2017 Renewable Energy Growth Program Tariff and Rule Changes
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 4

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I have enclosed the Company's responses to the fourth set of data requests issued by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the above-referenced docket.

Please be advised that the Company's response to PUC 4-3 will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-7288.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4672 Service List
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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company).

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid
RIPUC Docket No. 4672
In Re: Renewable Energy Growth Program for 2017
Mid-Year Modifications
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PUC 4-1

Request:

What are the costs associated with National Grid's proposal to replace the SolarWise program with a new streamlined Solar Marketplace and marketing campaign? Please itemize the costs, if possible.

Response:

The proposed budget for the SolarWise/Solar Marketplace activities is \$92,300 for the program year ending March 2018, as shown below. The majority of the costs are associated with the marketing campaign. The EnergySage costs relate to modifications to the Marketplace website that would be required by the program modifications proposed in this filing. This amount was proposed in the Company's RE Growth Cost Recovery and Reconciliation Factor filing on June 30, 2017, as shown in Schedule ASC-2, page 4, line 4.

Operation and Maintenance

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| EnergySage | \$12,050 |
| NG Marketing | \$70,000 |
| RISE (solar assessment costs) | <u>\$10,250</u> |
| Total | \$92,300 |

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PUC 4-2

Request:

What are the savings associated with National Grid's proposal to replace the SolarWise program with a new streamlined Solar Marketplace and marketing campaign? Please itemize the savings, if possible.

Response:

The reduction in costs will be associated with RISE solar assessment costs. RISE solar assessment costs were budgeted at \$30,000 per year. The proposed change to the Solar Marketplace would reduce that budgeted amount to \$10,250. This cost savings will be offset by an increase in this year's EnergySage costs. Please see the Company's response to PUC 4-1.

The reduction in costs were already reflected in the Company's RE Growth Cost Recovery and Reconciliation Factor filing on June 30, 2017, as shown in Schedule ASC-2, page 4, line 4.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

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Joanne M. Scanlon

September 22, 2017

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**Docket No. 4672 – Renewable Energy Growth Program for Year 2017
RI Distributed Generation Board and National Grid**

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