

**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. 4692**
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 2018 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) at an open meeting on March 30, 2017.¹ The procurement plan authorizes National Grid to conduct solicitations throughout the year for Standard Offer Service in varying contract lengths.² 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.³ The Company’s proposed rates are designed to recover the cost of these procurements pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-27.8. The Company derives no profit from the collection of standard offer service rates.⁴

¹ PUC Order No. 22774 (Docket No. 4692) (March 30, 2017). The PUC ordered National Grid to follow the approved 2016 SOS Procurement Plan, as modified in Order No. 22677 issued February 22, 2017 in Docket No. 4605, for the procurement period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

² The term standard offer service refers to electric service provided to distribution customers who have elected to receive service from National Grid instead of a competitive supplier.

³ The proposed SOS rates include the current per kWh SOS Adjustment Factor, SOS Administrative Cost Factor, and Renewable Energy Charge.

⁴ R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-27.3

II. National Grid’s Proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period April 2018 through September 2018 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2018 through June 2018

On January 18, 2018, National Grid proposed a Residential SOS rate of \$0.08038/kWh for the period April 2018 through September 2018.⁵ This represents a decrease of \$0.01477/kWh,⁶ or 16%, from the current Residential SOS rate of \$0.09515/kWh.⁷ Compared to last year’s April 2017 to September 2017 SOS Residential rate of \$0.06228/kWh, the proposed rate of \$0.08038/kWh is 29% higher than the same six-month period in the previous year.⁸

The Company proposed a fixed Commercial SOS rate of \$0.07926/kWh for the same period.⁹ This proposed rate is a decrease of \$0.01424/kWh,¹⁰ or 15%, from the current fixed Commercial SOS rate of \$0.09350/kWh.¹¹ The Company proposed the following variable Commercial SOS rates:¹²

April 2018:	\$0.07578/kWh
May 2018:	\$0.07037/kWh
June 2018:	\$0.08186/kWh
July 2018:	\$0.08250/kWh
August 2018:	\$0.08153/kWh
September 2018:	\$0.08189/kWh

The Company proposed the following Industrial SOS rates for the period April 2018 through June 2018:¹³

April 2018:	\$0.06220/kWh
May 2018:	\$0.05703/kWh
June 2018:	\$0.07081/kWh

⁵ National Grid’s Proposed SOS Rates for the Residential, Commercial and Industrial Groups, Atch. 1 at 3 (January 18, 2018) (Filing); All filings in this docket are available at the PUC offices, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. or at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4692page.html>.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Mem. of Division at 4 (Feb. 19, 2018).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Filing, Attach. 1 at 4.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Mem. of Division at 4.

¹² Filing, Attach. 1 at 4.

¹³ *Id.*, Attach.1 at 5.

The three-month average of the proposed Industrial rates for the period April 2018 through June 2018 is \$0.06335/kWh. This represents a 33% decrease from the three-month average rate of \$0.09431/kWh for the period January 2018 through March 2018.¹⁴

III. Decision

On March 1, 2018, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a revised memorandum summarizing the filing and concluding that the calculations for National Grid's proposed SOS rates are correct and the filing is in compliance with the PUC approved Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan.¹⁵ On March 2, 2018, based on the 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 2018 through September 2018 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2018 through June 2018.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23098) 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 2018 through September 2018 and the Industrial Group for the period April 2018 through June 2018 are hereby approved as filed.

¹⁴ Revised Mem. of Division at 4 (March 1, 2018).

¹⁵ Mem. of Division at 4; *see supra* note 1.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 1, 2018 PURSUANT TO
OPEN MEETING DECISION HELD ON MARCH 2, 2018. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
APRIL 5, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION




Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson


Marion S. Gold, Commissioner


Abigail Anthony, 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.