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

RE: Docket 4790 - Net Metering Provision, RIPUC No. 2207
Supplemental Tariff Pages

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I am enclosing ten (10) copies of supplemental tariff pages reflecting additional revisions to Section II of Net Metering Provision, RIPUC No. 2207 to provide for an extension of the Cap Expiration Date for community remote net metering, as defined in the tariff.

The proposed revisions reflect the discussions and negotiations between National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Office of Energy Resources, and The Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA) over the last several weeks to address CCSA's concerns regarding certain specified delays beyond the control of the project developer, as set forth in their position statement filed on March 2, 2018 in this docket. It is National Grid's understanding that the proposed tariff revisions are acceptable to the parties.

The Company will file a clean version of the complete tariff as a compliance filing following the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) ruling in this docket.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter at 401-784-7288.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosures

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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY
NET METERING PROVISION

Insert for proposed revisions to the following tariff language:

(i) Net Metering Customers with a Community Remote Net Metering System must obtain an allocation of capacity under the cap set forth in Section II.(2) above. Customers applying for such capacity must provide or show proof of the following: a) a completed Impact Study for Renewable Distributed Generation or a valid fully executed interconnection service agreement; b) site control for the location of the Eligible Net Metering System; and c) a performance deposit as set forth in section (iii) below. If an application meets these requirements, until the capacity limit has been reached, the Community Remote Net Metering System will be provided a cap allocation that will be valid for 24 months from the date of issuance, except as provided in sections 2(v) and 2(vi), below. Projects that apply for a capacity allocation after the MW of applications approved has reached the cap will be kept on a waiting list in the order of complete application with the exception of the performance deposit, which will not be required for the waiting list, but must be paid within five business days from time of notification that capacity becomes available for a project. Applicants that fail to pay the performance deposit within this time frame shall lose their spot on the waiting list.

(ii) If a Community Remote Net Metering System with a cap allocation (a) is not commercially operational or (b) has not met the credit allocation requirements under Section II.(7) below on or before the date that is 24 months from the issuance of the cap allocation (“Cap Expiration Date”), the capacity allocation for the Community Remote Net Metering System will be cancelled, and that capacity will be made available to other applicants, except as provided in sections 2(v) and 2(vi), below. Once cancelled, a customer may apply for a cap allocation again with payment of another performance deposit.

(iii) Customers seeking a Community Remote Net Metering System cap allocation under item (i) above will be required to submit a performance deposit equal to \$25.00 multiplied by the expected annual megawatt-hour output of the system, or \$75,000.00, whichever is less. The deposit will be refunded after the Company verifies that the Community Remote Net Metering System has achieved commercial operation and has met the credit allocation requirements under Section II.(7) below. In the event that the Community Remote Net Metering System does not achieve commercial operation or meet the credit allocation requirements prior to the Cap Expiration Date, the deposit will be forfeited and will be refunded to all customers through the Net Metering Surcharge.

(iv) The Company will track the amount of capacity that has been allocated and that remains available under the Community Remote Net Metering System cap, and will post such information on its website, which will be updated on a monthly basis until the cap has been reached. The Company may establish additional procedures and guidelines to implement a system of processing, obtaining, and maintaining net metering cap allocations for Community Remote Net Metering Systems.

(v) The Cap Expiration Date may be extended by six (6) months (to 30 months) with no additional performance deposit. The Cap Expiration Date may be extended for an additional six (6) months beyond that (to 36 months) by posting one-half of the original performance deposit if a Community Remote Net Metering System still does not achieve commercial operation or has not met the credit allocation requirements under Section II.(7) below because of :

1) Demonstrable lack of action or failure on the part of a governmental agency to issue a required permit or approval in the normal course. The Customer must provide to the Company evidence that it filed either a preapplication or completed state or municipal permit application for the Community Remote Net Metering System and that such preapplication or permit application was officially accepted by the applicable state agency or municipality as a complete application within the first six (6) months of being awarded capacity by the Company; providing such evidence shall be deemed sufficient for the Company to grant the additional six (6) months (to 36 months) extension to the Customer; or

2) Project construction related delays associated with weather, materials, or labor, which are in good faith and beyond the control of the Customer, and could not have been prevented or avoided (each, a “Delay Event”).

(vi) If the Cap Expiration Date cannot be met because 1) the Company’s interconnection work is not complete (“Interconnection Delay”), or 2) there is a pending legal challenge or moratorium (collectively, a “Permit Delay”) after the permit process has been started, affecting one or more required governmental permits or approvals that is not resolved by the expiration of the 36-month period set forth in section 2(v) above, and the Interconnection Delay or Permit Delay, as applicable is not attributable to any action or inaction of the Customer, the Cap Expiration Date shall be extended by the period of the Interconnection Delay or Permit Delay, as applicable, with no additional performance deposit required. With respect to a Permit Delay, the Customer must provide evidence of the legal challenge or moratorium to the Company and Office of Energy Resources and a monthly update on the status of the pending legal challenge or moratorium. Failure by the Customer to provide such status updates to the Company and Office of Energy Resources may result in the termination of capacity with the Customer by the Company. Nothing herein shall be construed to alter or amend any timeframes set forth in the Customer’s interconnection service agreement and/or the Company’s interconnection tariff.

(vii) In the event of a request for an extension due to a Delay Event under section 2(v), above and/or a Permit Delay under section 2(vi), above, the Customer must give the Company, and Office of Energy Resources written notice within thirty (30) days of pending project deadline milestone (i.e. 24, 30, 36 months) and certify to the existence of the Delay Event and/or the Permit Delay prior to the Cap Expiration Date, providing details regarding the nature, extent of, and expected duration of the Delay Event and/or the Permit Delay.

- (3) If the electricity generated by an Eligible Net Metering System during a billing period is equal to or less than the Net Metering Customer's usage at the Eligible Net Metering System Site, or the aggregate consumption of the Net Metered Accounts, the Net Metering Customer shall receive Renewable Net Metering Credits, which shall be applied to offset the Net Metering Customer's usage on Net Metered Accounts at the Eligible Net Metering Site, or shall be used to credit the Net Metered Accounts, as applicable.
- (4) Unless the Company and Net Metering Customer have agreed to a billing plan pursuant to Section II(8) of this Tariff, if the electricity generated by an Eligible Net Metering System during a billing period is greater than the Net Metering Customer's usage or the aggregate consumption of the Net Metered Accounts, as applicable, during the billing period, the Net Metering Customer shall be paid Excess Renewable Net Metering Credits for the excess generation up to an additional twenty-five percent (25%) of the Net Metering Customer's consumption or the aggregate consumption of the Net Metered Accounts during the billing period.
- (5) For purposes of administering Sections II(3) and II(4) of this Tariff, on a monthly basis, the Company will apply Renewable Net Metering Credits to the Net Metered Accounts for all kWh generated by the Eligible Net Metering System. On an annual basis, the Company will compare kWh generated by the Eligible Net Metering System during the applicable 12-month period to the on-site consumption of the Net Metering Customer or the aggregate consumption of the Net Metered Accounts, as applicable, or to the three-year average aggregate sum of the on-site consumption of the Net Metered Accounts of a Community Remote Net Metering System. If such consumption is less than the kWh generated by the Eligible Net Metering System during the applicable 12-month period, the Company will apply a billing charge to the Net Metering Customer's account equal to the difference between the Renewable Net Metering Credit and the Excess Renewable Net Metering Credit in effect during the applicable 12-month period multiplied by the difference between the kWh generated by the Eligible Net Metering System and the consumption during the same 12-month period. If the kWh generated by the Eligible Net Metering System during the applicable 12-month period exceeds such consumption by more than 25 percent, the Company will apply a billing charge to the Net Metering Customer's account equal to the Renewable Net Metering Credit in effect during the applicable 12-month period multiplied by the kWh generated in excess of 125 percent of the consumption.
- (6) All Net Metering Customers shall be required to complete Schedule B. Renewable Net Metering Credits will be applied to Net Metered Accounts in the manner specified on Schedule B. Changes to Schedule B may be submitted to the Company on a quarterly basis.
- (7) A Community Remote Net Metering System must allocate Net Metering Credits to a minimum of (i) one account for a system associated with Low or Moderate Income

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.

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

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April 27, 2018

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