

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held in the City of
Albany on December 14, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Rory M. Christian, Chair
Diane X. Burman
James S. Alesi
John B. Howard
David J. Valesky
John B. Maggiore

CASE 20-E-0380 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for Electric Service.

CASE 20-G-0381 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for Gas Service.

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AMENDMENTS ON A PERMANENT BASIS

(Issued and Effective December 21, 2023)

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTRODUCTION

On June 1, 2022, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (Niagara Mohawk or the Company) filed tariff amendments to its electric and gas schedules, P.S.C. Nos. 214 - Electricity (Outdoor lighting), P.S.C. No 220 - Electricity and P.S.C. No. 219 - Gas, as directed by the Commission's Order issued in these proceedings.¹ The Company's proposed tariff

¹ Cases 20-E-0380 and 20-G-0381, Order Adopting Terms of Joint Proposal, Establishing Rate Plans and Reporting Requirements (issued January 20, 2022) (2022 Rate Order).

amendments went into effect on a temporary basis on July 1, 2023. The tariff amendments effectuate the rates and provisions for the final Rate Year (RY) of the three-year rate plan adopted in the 2022 Rate Order. By this Order, the Commission authorizes the tariff amendments listed in the Appendix to become effective on a permanent basis as of the date of issuance of this Order.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Rate Order adopted the terms of the Joint Proposal establishing a three-year rate plan for electric and gas service for the period beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with RY 1 being the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2021; RY 2 being the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2022; and RY 3 being the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2023.

TARIFF FILINGS

On June 1, 2023, Niagara Mohawk filed amendments to its electric and gas tariff schedules P.S.C. No. 214 - Electricity (Outdoor Lighting), P.S.C. No. 220 - Electricity, and P.S.C. No. 219 - Gas to effectuate RY 3 in compliance with the 2022 Rate Order. The electric filing effectuates a \$109.82 million increase in electric delivery revenues, or 4.9 percent on a delivery-only basis and the gas filing effectuates a \$32.99 million increase in gas delivery revenues, or 6.7 percent on a delivery-only basis.

In addition to the RY 3 filing, the Company removed price exception rates from P.S.C. No. 214 - Electricity (Outdoor Lighting) for two municipalities that purchased their lighting assets since the Company filed its tariff amendments to effectuate RY 2 on June 1, 2022. The Company closed on the

lighting asset sale with the Village of Kenmore on September 8, 2022,² and with the Town of Amherst on May 15, 2023.³

With regard to the tariff amendments effectuating the changes in rates for RY 3, Niagara Mohawk fulfilled the newspaper publication requirement in accordance with PSL §66(12)(b) and Title 16 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations §720-8.1. The Appendix to this Order sets forth a list of the tariff amendments filed by the Company and the dates of newspaper publication. However, on November 28, 2023, the Company requested waiver of the newspaper publication requirements with regard to the tariff revisions removing the price exception rates.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to PSL §§5, 65(1), and 66(1) and (12), the Commission has the legal authority to review the proposed tariff leaves, as well as modify, reject or approve such filed tariffs to ensure that the rates and services governed by those tariffs are just and reasonable and otherwise consistent with law. As such, the Commission has the legal authority to review the Company's filings and approve and make effective tariff amendments, as prescribed in this Order.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The proposed tariff amendments to schedules P.S.C. No. 214 - Electricity (Outdoor Lighting), P.S.C. No. 220 - Electricity, and P.S.C. No. 219 - Gas, properly reflect the

² Case 21-E-0530, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid - Transfer to the Village of Kenmore, Cover Letter (filed November 4, 2022).

³ Case 22-E-0225, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid - Transfer to the Town of Amherst, Cover Letter (filed June 26, 2023).

requirements of the 2022 Rate Order and include the rates, charges, rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the rates and provisions of RY 3. In addition, the tariff revisions to remove price exception rates for the two municipalities are reasonable as the removed rates relate to the specific facilities transferred to the municipalities and are not used post-transfer. The Commission authorizes the tariff amendments listed in the Appendix to become effective on a permanent basis as of the date of issuance of this Order.

With regard to the tariff amendments effectuating the changes in rates for RY 3, Niagara Mohawk fulfilled the newspaper publication requirement in accordance with PSL §66(12)(b) and Title 16 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations §720-8.1. However, the Company requested a waiver of the newspaper publication requirements for the tariff amendments regarding the removal of the street lighting facility price exception rates. Because those tariff amendments merely remove obsolete rates, they are housekeeping in nature. Accordingly, the Commission grants a waiver of the requirements of newspaper publication for the tariff amendments to remove the price exception rates.

The Commission orders:

1. The tariff amendments filed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and listed in the Appendix to this Order, are authorized to become effective on a permanent basis upon the date of issuance of this Order.

2. The requirements of Public Service Law §66(12)(b) and 16 NYCRR §720-8.1 as to the newspaper publication of the tariff revisions to remove price exception rates in P.S.C. No. 214 - Electricity are waived.

3. These proceedings are continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary

Subject: Filings by NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID

Amendments to Schedule P.S.C. No. 214 - Electricity

Thirteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 39.1, 84
Fifteenth Revised Leaf No. 56
Sixteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 19.1, 38.1
Seventeenth Revised Leaf No. 42
Nineteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 16, 18, 39, 83
Twentieth Revised Leaf No. 17
Twenty-First Revised Leaf No. 35
Twenty-Second Revised Leaves Nos. 15, 33.1, 34,
38, 41
Twenty-Third Revised Leaves Nos. 14.1, 30, 33, 36,
37, 40
Twenty-Fourth Revised Leaf No. 55
Twenty-Fifth Revised Leaf No. 32
Twenty-Seventh Revised Leaf No. 31
Fortieth Revised Leaf No. 73
Forty-Sixth Revised Leaf No. 19
Forty-Eighth Revised Leaf No. 82

Amendments to Schedule P.S.C. No. 220 - Electricity

Ninth Revised Leaf No. 221.1
Thirteenth Revised Leaf No. 222.1
Fourteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 176, 223, 438
Fifteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 194.10, 263.5
Sixteenth Revised Leaf No. 408.4
Eighteenth Revised Leaf No. 355
Nineteenth Revised Leaf No. 432
Twentieth Revised Leaf No. 408.1
Twenty-Third Revised Leaves Nos. 349, 370, 391,
421, 422
Twenty-Fourth Revised Leaves Nos. 423, 424
Twenty-Sixth Revised Leaf No. 379
Thirty-Second Revised Leaf No. 371
Thirty-Fourth Revised Leaf No. 359

Amendments to Schedule P.S.C. No. 219 - Gas

Eighth Revised Leaf No. 106.2
Ninth Revised Leaf No. 122.15
Tenth Revised Leaves Nos. 105, 106.1, 111.2,
122.4.1, 122.5.1
Eleventh Revised Leaves Nos. 13, 111.1.1
Fifteenth Revised Leaf No. 216
Sixteenth Revised Leaves Nos. 122.2, 122.5
Seventeenth Revised Leaves Nos. 122.4, 145, 215.1
Twentieth Revised Leaf No. 129
Twenty-First Revised Leaf No. 154
Twenty-Seventh Revised Leaf No. 124
Thirtieth Revised Leaf No. 150
Thirty-Third Revised Leaf No. 141

Issued: June 1, 2023 Effective on a temporary
basis on July 1, 2022.

SAPA: Not Applicable

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
Waived for the housekeeping revisions removing obsolete rates on
leaf numbers 39.1 and 40.