

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
COMPANY – E-183 115 kV TRANSMISSION : DOCKET NO. SB-2003-01
LINE RELOCATION PROJECT – A/C I-195 :
RELOCATION :

Order Granting Extension of Time

On January 12, 2005 The Narragansett Electric Company (“Narragansett”), Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch (the “Attorney General”) and the Cities of Providence and East Providence (collectively the “Parties”) filed a stipulation extending the January 15, 2005 deadline provided in § II-D-4 of the Settlement Agreement dated May 25, 2004 for a period of six months: from January 15, 2005 to July 15, 2005. The purpose of the extension was to provide time for Narragansett to file and pursue an application with ISO-New England, Inc. (“ISO-NE”) and NEPOOL for regional support of the Project pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 42-98-1.1(c). In their stipulation, the Parties agreed that they would negotiate and revise the other relevant deadlines in the Settlement Agreement upon receipt of a final decision on regional funding from ISO-NE.

The Energy Facility Siting Board (the “Board” or “EFSB”) considered the motion at its January 14, 2005 open meeting. Because the Parties had not filed a report on their progress under the Settlement Agreement as we required in our October 29, 2004 Report and Order approving the Settlement Agreement, we granted a 30 day extension with the direction that the Parties file the status report within that period of time. We invited the Parties to renew the Motion for Extension of Time when they filed their status report.

On February 15, 2005, Narragansett and the Attorney General submitted a joint report detailing the progress that had been made on route and technology selection, cost estimates, and sources of funding for the Underground Alignment. Narragansett and the Attorney General also renewed the request for approval of the stipulation extending the January 15, 2005 deadline to July 15, 2005.

On March 31, 2005, the Board conducted an open meeting to consider the renewed motion. The Board was assured that the extension of the January 15 deadline for funding of the Underground Alignment would have no impact on the I-195 relocation project. Counsel for Narragansett reported that Phase I of the E-183 Relocation Project which is necessary for the relocation of I-195 is proceeding apace. The Board also reiterated that its approval of the Settlement and the extension of this deadline would have no precedential value on future transmission line projects.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

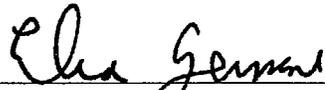
(Order Number 54-A) ORDERED:

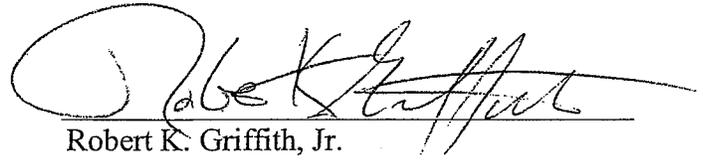
That the Stipulation Extending Deadline among the Parties dated January 12, 2005 is approved and the deadline provided in § II-D-4 of the Settlement Agreement is extended to July 15, 2005. The Parties shall negotiate equitable adjustments in the other deadlines contained in the Settlement Agreement upon receipt of a final decision on regional funding from ISO-NE.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, this the 19th day of April, 2005.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD




Elia Germani, Chairman


Robert K. Griffith, Jr.

Frederick H. Vincent*

*Mr. Vincent was not available to participate in the Open Meeting in this matter.