

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

<b>IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC</b>	:	
<b>COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID</b>	:	
<b>PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER</b>	:	<b>DOCKET NO. SB-2018-02</b>
<b>ALLENS AVENUE MAIN REPLACEMENT</b>	:	
<b>PROJECT</b>	:	

**ORDER**

On May 9, 2018, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed a petition with the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) asking the Board to issue a declaratory order that a license is not required for a gas line replacement project. National Grid asserted that the proposed project does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility requiring a license from the Board.

National Grid intends to replace approximately 1,600 feet of the existing 1940's vintage 12-inch pipe and 16-inch pipe with a 16-inch pipe and improve the manifold to accept the new pipe (Project). The replacement is needed to address quality concerns and is part of National Grid's Gas Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Plan. The law mandates any alteration of a major energy facility be licensed by the Board. R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-4 (Act). The Act and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) define "alteration" as "a significant modification to a major energy facility, which, as determined by the board, will result in a significant impact on the environment, or the public health, safety, and welfare." R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-3(b) and Rule 1.2(d).

At an Open Meeting on June 6, 2018, the Board discussed and deliberated on National Grid's petition. The Board found that the Project as set forth in the filing by National Grid does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility as defined by the Energy Facility Siting Act,

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-3 and Rules 1.2(d). The Board reasoned that the work proposed is akin to maintenance of the gas distribution system. Moreover, it is confined to a limited area owned in fee by National Grid. The Project does not involve major construction. Neither will it result in a significant impact to either the physical or social environment or public health, safety, and welfare. Because the Project does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility, it does not require formal investigation or license by the Board.

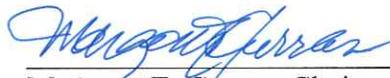
Accordingly, it is hereby

( 136 ) **ORDERED:**

The Project does not constitute an alteration and does not require a license.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JUNE 6, 2018. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JUNE 12, 2018 .

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson



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