

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

In re: The Narragansett Electric	:	
Company d/b/a National Grid	:	
Notice of Intent to Construct 69 kV	:	Docket No. SB-2019-01
Loop Lines of Less than 1,000 Feet	:	
(Newport Substation Loop Lines)	:	

ORDER

On February 6, 2019, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) a Notice of Intent to construct two 69 kV loop lines of less than 1,000 feet in accordance with 445-RICR-00-00-1.6(C) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). Each of the two loop lines is approximately 170 feet in length. The Board docketed the Notice on February 14, 2019, and assigned it Docket Number SB-2019-01.

The loop lines are required to supply power to the new Newport Substation (substation) being constructed in Newport, Rhode Island by connecting the existing 69 kV transmission line, identified as the 63 Line, with the substation.¹ The substation is needed to address growing demand in the area and to enhance reliability. The new loop lines will be supported by new 85- to 100-foot tall steel pole transmission line structures and a termination structure within the substation. All work will occur on property owned by National Grid or within its right-of-way with the exception

¹ National Grid filed a Petition for Special Use Permit with the City of Newport Zoning Board of Review to construct the substation. It was unanimously approved on June 4, 2018.

of where the lines must cross the Rhode Island Department of Transportation owned railroad property via an easement. The Company represented that no residential or commercial property will be impacted by the Project. Neither will the Project result in any significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety, and welfare.

A copy of the Notice of Intent to Construct or Relocate Power Lines of Less than 1,000 feet is required by 445-RICR-00-00-1.6(C) of the Rules to be filed with the council of the municipality affected by the construction of said lines at least sixty days before construction is to commence, which National Grid did. The Rule also allows the municipality, or any intervenor, up to thirty days after the filing to file an objection with the Board. No such objection was received by the Board.

The Board finds 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, specifically R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-3 and 445-RICR-00-00-1.3(A)(4) and 445-RICR-00-00-1.4(A)(16) of the Rules. Because the Project does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility and is expressly excluded as such pursuant to 445-RICR-00-00-1.3(A)(4) of the Rules, it does not require a formal investigation by the Board.

Therefore, it is hereby:

(139) ORDERED:

The Notice of Intent to Construct Loop Lines of Less than 1,000 feet is accepted and the project may proceed without further review by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Warwick, Rhode Island, on March 13, 2019, pursuant to an Open Meeting decision of March 13, 2019. Written order issued April 2, 2019.

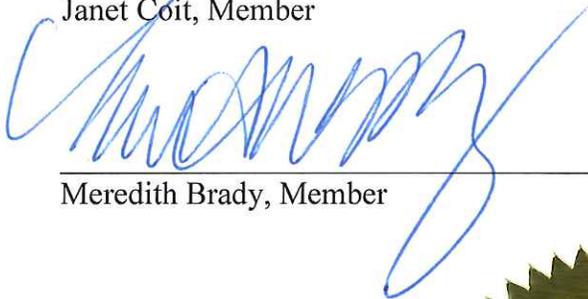
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