



October 4, 2013

Ms. Nicholas S. Ucci, Coordinator
Energy Facility Siting Board
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

William J. Fazioli
Vice-Chairman

Re: Burial of India Point Park Power Lines

Jeanne M. Boyle
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Ucci:

Members:

John J. Gregory III
Jacob Harpootian
Steven Hardcastle
Paul Moura
John Pesce
Luis Torrado
Peter Willey

On behalf of the East Providence Waterfront District Commission, I am writing to offer our full support for the burial of the National Grid transmission lines that cross the Seekonk River from Providence to East Providence. The Commission voted 5-0 at its September 30, 2013 meeting to support the project.

The East Providence Waterfront District represents tremendous potential for economic revitalization and growth in the City of East Providence and the State of Rhode Island. Burial of the power lines will assist this effort by creating a more attractive waterfront for future high-quality private development, as well as for current residents.

Ex-Officio Members:

East Providence City
Manager

RI Department of
Environmental
Management

RI Department of
Transportation

RI Economic
Development
Corporation

The power lines on the East Providence side of the River are located adjacent to the new Tockwotton on the Waterfront, a \$52 million assisted-living facility: the lines are an eyesore next to this beautiful new addition to the Waterfront District.

As you may know, East Providence residents have relinquished a rebate credit on their utility bills for years in order to provide financing for this important work and at this point millions of dollars remain languishing. The Waterfront District Commission is pleased to support this effort and offer our assistance to help implement this project: power lines in other locations in RI have been buried, so we know it can happen.

Please contact me or Jeanne Boyle if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William J. Fazioli
Vice Chairman

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