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Re: Docket No. SB-2003-1
In re: The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
(E-183 115kV Transmission Line Relocation)

Dear Patti:

I am enclosing for filing an original and seven (7) copies of National Grid's Response to the Supplemental Post-Hearing Memorandum submitted by the City of East Providence in the above referenced matter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and the response and return them to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Peter V. Lacouture

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Enclosures

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ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD

In re: The Narragansett Electric Company :
(E-183 115 kV Transmission Line : Docket No. SB-2003-01
Relocation Project – A/C I-195 Relocation) :

RESPONSE OF THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
TO SUPPLEMENTAL POST-HEARING MEMORANDUM
SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

The Supplemental Post-Hearing Memorandum submitted by the City of East Providence (“East Providence Memorandum”) addresses a number of issues which were beyond the scope of the hearing and the motions adopted by the EFSB at its December 17, 2013 hearing.

The draft order attached to the East Providence Memorandum is identical to the draft order that was submitted by East Providence on December 19, 2013. On December 20, 2013, National Grid objected to the draft order for the following reasons:

- The estimate which National Grid is undertaking should not be characterized as a “Construction Grade Estimate” as the internal National Grid definition has evolved and, as Mr. Campilii testified, a Construction Grade Estimate now requires that permitting be nearly completed and that the Company have construction bids in hand. He also testified that, given the uncertainties of four (4) directional drills required for this project, the estimate would be +/- 25%, not the +/- 10% East Providence proposed. (Director Coit stated that +/- 25% seemed reasonable for a project such as this.) [TR 12/17/13, pp. 22-28, 35-26.]
- The draft order includes several items that were not before the Board during the December 17 hearing including payment of the cost of a peer review and of “professional fees” of the other parties from accrued interest.
- The draft order omits the request by Director Coit that East Providence and Providence report to the Board by January 15 on their progress towards property acquisition. [TR 12/17/13, p. 59.]

National Grid believes that the underground project will succeed only with the cooperation of all of the parties. In contrast, the East Providence Memorandum continues the adversarial tone which East Providence had taken throughout the proceedings.

It is interesting that the one request made of East Providence by the EFSB, to report on outstanding issues related to the acquisition of the transition station site from Tockwotton, remains unfulfilled. Instead, East Providence offers a proposal which it made to National Grid in 2011 and which was discussed in detail at a meeting in February, 2012. East Providence has been unable to provide an appraisal for the property and apparently seeks funds from National

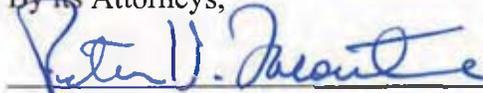
Grid to purchase the transition station site without regard to any benefit to Tockwotton from the release of existing easements.

National Grid respectfully requests that the EFSB issue its order authorizing the use of the accrued interest on customer refunds for the engineering effort in connection with the Project and allow National Grid to proceed with the engineering.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the within was sent by e-mail to the following this the 4th day of February, 2014.

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