

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

In re: Relocation of Transmission Lines : Docket No. SB-2003-01
in Providence and East Providence :
(E-183 115kV Transmission Line :
Relocation Project – A/C I-195 Relocation) :

**JOINT MOTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND , CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE FOR PERMISSION TO EXPEND PROJECT FUNDS
TO HIRE CONSULTANT**

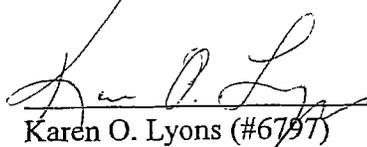
Now come the Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island, the City of Providence, and the City of East Providence (the “parties”), pursuant to Rule 1.17(a) of the Rules and Practice and Procedure of the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) and hereby request authorization to utilize project funds to hire an independent consultant to review the Construction Grade Estimate (“Estimate”) provided by National Grid (the “Company”).

The parties anticipate that the fees for an independent consultant will be in excess of the amount which triggers additional oversight in the purchasing process. For example, an amount in excess of \$5,000 in the City of Providence would require consideration by the Board of Contract and Supply and potentially by the Providence City Council. Such oversight would lead to significant delays in commencement of the parties’ due diligence. Having an independent source of funds will potentially allow the Attorney General to serve as fiscal agent in the hiring process.

Wherefore, the parties respectfully request that the Board approve their request for permission to use project funds to hire the independent consultant for purposes of reviewing the Estimate provided by the Company.

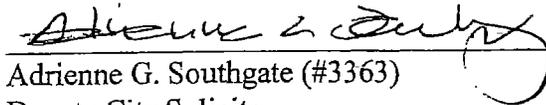
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