

Via Hand Delivery

September 18, 2014

Todd Bianco
Siting Board Coordinator
Energy Facility Siting Board
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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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 Todd:

National Grid has reviewed the joint motion filed by the Attorney General, Providence and East Providence seeking funding for an engineering consultant to review the Project cost estimate that National Grid is developing for the E-183 Underground Project. National Grid has also discussed the motion with Karen Lyons.

Ms. Lyons was unable to provide an estimate of the amount of money that would be required. However, she said that the consultant would be asked to review National Grid's estimate but would not "re-do" the estimate. Ms. Lyons also confirmed that the consultant's invoice would be sent to National Grid for payment after it was approved by the Attorney General and the municipalities.

National Grid believes it is important that the consultant have experience with underground high-voltage transmission and that its qualifications be reviewed and approved before the consultant is engaged. The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") is qualified to undertake this task. National Grid suggests that the EFSB direct the Attorney General and municipalities to consult with the Division and obtain its approval before the selection of the consultant is finalized.

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Based on the above and subject to the EFSB's approval, National Grid does not object to using project funds to pay for a review of the Project cost estimate by a qualified engineering consultant.

Sincerely,



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