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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick RI 02888 (401) 941-4500 Chairman Elia Germani Commissioner Robert B. Holbrook Commissioner Mary E. Bray

April 8, 2009

Mr. Nicholas Ucci Coordinator RI Energy Facility Siting Board 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888

Re:

SB-2008-02

Nick

Dear Mr. Ucci.

Please be advised that it appears the Public Utilities Commission will be unable to produce a quorum for the purposes of rendering an Advisory Opinion in the above-referenced docket as the result of the Public Utilities Commission Chairman's recusal based on the fact that he is also the Chairman of the Energy Facility Siting Board and a recent injury of Commissioner Holbrook who is in the last weeks of his service. Furthermore, there has been no transmittal from the Governor to the Senate naming a replacement for Commissioner Holbrook. As a result, the Commission is closing its Docket No. 4029 and is transferring all filings made within that docket to the Energy Facility Siting Board for its ultimate review of the need and cost considerations of the Rhode Island Reliability Project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 780-2147.

Sincerely,

Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias

Senior Legal Counsel

cc:

Service List Docket No. 4029