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Nick Ucci, Coordinator State of Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re:

Narragansett Electric Company Interstate Reliability Project North Smithfield and Burrillville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Ucci:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that you provided for the above-referenced project. We understand the Narragansett Electric Company is proposing a project that will include the following:

- Construction of a new transmission line (the 366 line) in an existing right-of-way entirely
 within the Town of North Smithfield from the Rhode Island/Massachusetts border to the
 existing West Farnum Substation on Greenville Road;
- Construction of a new transmission line (the 341 line) in an existing right-of-way from the existing West Farnum Substation on Greenville Road in North Smithfield through the Town of Burrillville to the Rhode Island/Connecticut border;
- Reconstruction of the existing 328 transmission line from the existing West Farnum Substation on Greenville Road in North Smithfield to the Sherman Road Switching Station at 1573 Sherman Farm Road in Burrillville;
- Reconstruction and expansion of the Sherman Road Switching Station, located at 1573 Sherman Farm Road in Burrillville;
- Relocation of the existing 333, 347, and 3361 transmission lines in the vicinity of the Sherman Road Switching Station at 1573 Sherman Farm Road in Burrillville;
- Modification of the existing B-23 transmission line in North Smithfield to accommodate the construction of the 341 line and the reconstruction of the 328 line; and
- Modification of the existing T172N transmission line in North Smithfield to accommodate the construction of the 366 line.

The West Farnum Substation and rights-of-way to that substation are adjacent to (or pass through) the property known as the Todd Farm, at 670 Farnum Pike, in North Smithfield. This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination cites the property as, "a noteworthy local landmark for the quality of its architecturally-significant farmhouse and its later outbuildings, for its association with early industry, and for its families' important [sic] in this section of North Smithfield."

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Based on our review of the information that was submitted and that in our files, we have concluded that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on historic resources. Therefore, we have no objections to the project.

These comments are provided in accordance with the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Act (RIGL 42-45 et seq.) and the Procedures of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission ("Procedures for the Registration and Protection of Historic Properties"). If you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Emidy, Project Review Coordinator of this office.

Very truly yours,

For Edward F. Sanderson

Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer