STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD

In RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID NOTICE OF INTENT TO: CONSTRUCT A LOOP LINE OF LESS THAN 1,000 FEET (HIGHLAND DRIVE SUBSTATION)	:	DOCKET NO. SB-2013-02

ORDER

On July 31, 2013, the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("Narragansett") filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (the "Board"), a Notice of Intent to Construct a loop line of less than 1,000 feet in accordance with Rule 1.6(c) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Narragansett seeks to construct a loop line of no more than 600 feet in Cumberland, Rhode Island ("the Project"). The loop line is required to serve a new 115/13.8 kV substation ("the Highland Drive Substation") which will provide load relief to address normal and contingency loading issues in the Cumberland and Woonsocket areas. Four new structures will be constructed on Narragansett's existing right-of-way to support the loop line. A portion of the loop line and the proposed substation will be on land owned by Narragansett. The remaining portion of the loop line will be located on property owned by Cintas Corporation over which Narragansett holds an easement. Narragansett represented that no residential or commercial property will be impacted by the Project, nor will it result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare.

Because the Project does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility and is expressly excluded as such pursuant to Rule 1.2(d) of the Energy Facility Siting Board Rules of Practice and Procedure ("the Rules"), it does not require a formal investigation by the Board and will be given expedited treatment pursuant to Rules 1.6(c) and 1.6(e).

Rule 1.6(c) of the Rules require that a copy of a Notice of Intent to Construct or Relocate power lines of less than 1,000 feet be filed with the council of the municipality affected by the construction of said lines at least 60 days before construction is to commence, and allows the municipality, or any intervenor, 30 days after the filing to file an objection with the Board. No objection has been received by the Board.

The Board finds that the project defined in the filing by Narragansett does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility under the Energy Facility Siting Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §42-98-1 *et seq.* and Rules 1.2(c) and 1.2(p).

Therefore, it is hereby

(69) ORDERED

The Notice of Intent to Construct a Loop Line of Less than 1,000 Feet is approved. Construction may begin on or after September 29, 2013, which is 60 days following the date upon which the Notice was filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013.

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