

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

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| In re: The Narragansett Electric | : | |
| Company d/b/a National Grid | : | |
| Notice of Intent to Construct a | : | Docket No. SB-2013-1 |
| Loop Line of Less than 1,000 Feet | : | |
| (Shun Pike Substation Tap) | : | |

ORDER

On January 31, 2013, the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“NGrid”) 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 (“Rules”). The Board accepted this Notice and assigned it Docket Number SB-2013-1 on February 18, 2013.

NGrid seeks to construct a 115kV loop line of no more than 200 feet in Johnston, Rhode Island (“the Project”). The loop line is required to serve a new 115/23 kV substation, which will provide electric service to a new large customer, SMM New England Corporation, which is constructing a new metal recycling facility. Two new structures will be constructed on NGrid’s existing right-of-way to support the loop line, designated as #152A and #152B. A portion of the loop line and the proposed substation will be on land owned in fee by NGrid. NGrid 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 Rules, it does not require a formal investigation by the Board and will be given expedited treatment pursuant to Rule 1.6(e) of the Rules.

Rule 1.6(c) of the Rules requires 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 intervener, 30 days after the filing to file an objection with the Board. No such objection was received by the Board.

The project defined in the filing by NGrid 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).

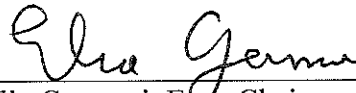
Therefore, it is:

(67) ORDERED:

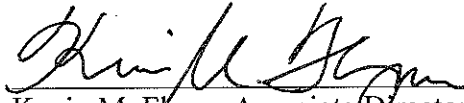
The Notice of Intent to Construct a Loop Line of Less than 1,000 Feet is approved.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Warwick, Rhode Island on April 1, 2013 pursuant to an open meeting decision of April 1, 2013.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD



Elia Germani, Esq., Chairman
Energy Facility Siting Board



Kevin M. Flynn, Associate Director
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*Janet L. Coit, Director
RI Department of Environmental Management

* Director Coit was not available for the Open Meeting decision. Her absence does not indicate opposition to this Project.