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 **Docket No. SB-2015-01**

Tap Line of Less than 1.000 Feet

(Kilvert Street Substation Tap Line)

ORDER

On April 21, 2015, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (the Board) a Notice of Intent to construct a tap 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 docketed this Notice on April 28, 2015 and assigned it Docket Number SB-2015-01.

National Grid intends to construct a 115kV tap line of approximately eighty feet in length in Warwick, Rhode Island (the Project). The tap line is required to serve a new 115/12.47 kV transformer being installed at the existing Kilvert Street #87 Substation (Substation). The new transformer will provide load relief to the existing, highly utilized distribution system. It will also address normal and contingency loading issues within the cities of Warwick and Cranston. In addition to the tap line, the Project will replace an existing, wood H-frame dead-end structure with a new sixty foot tall steel H-frame dead-end switch structure. All work will occur on property owned by National Grid. The Company represented that no residential or commercial property will be impacted by the Project. Neither will it result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety, and welfare. The total distance between the construction area and the nearest residence is greater than 850 feet. National Grid will implement a number of measures to minimize any social impacts that may occur during construction.

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 sixty days before construction is to commence, which National Grid did. The Rule also allows the municipality, or any intervenor, thirty days after the filing to file an objection with the Board. No such objection has been received by the Board.

The Board finds that the Project as set forth in in the filing by National Grid does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility as defined by the Energy Facility Siting Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §42-98-3, and Rules 1.2(d) and 1.2(p). 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.

Therefore, it is:

(72) ORDERED:

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

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Warwick, Rhode Island on June 2, 2015 pursuant to an open meeting decision of June 2, 2015.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD

Margaret E. Curran, Esq., Chairperson

RI Public Utilities Commission

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RI Department of Environmental Management*

*Board Member Coit was not present at the open meeting.