

**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-2015-05
Tap Line of Less Than 1,000 Feet	:	
(New London Avenue Substation Tap Line)	:	

ORDER

On October 9, 2015, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (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 October 13, 2015 as Docket No. SB-2015-05.

National Grid intends to construct a 115kV tap line approximately 225 feet in length in Warwick, Rhode Island (Project). The tap line is required to connect the existing T172S Line to the soon-to-be constructed New London Avenue Substation (Substation) in Warwick, Rhode Island. The new Substation will provide load relief to the existing distribution system, which is currently highly utilized, and will address normal and contingency loading issues in the surrounding area. In addition to the line, the Project will include a new 40-foot-tall, steel three

pole deadend structure; the replacement of four existing structures with taller structures; and the raising of two existing structures.

National Grid represented that the Project was previously approved by the City of Warwick Zoning Board of Review and that all abutters within 200 feet of the Project received notice of the zoning hearing. In addition to notice of the zoning hearing, National Grid held two open houses in the City of Warwick to review the Project with abutters and also reviewed the Project with city officials on two separate occasions.

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 prior to the commencement of construction, 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 was received by the Board.

The Board finds that the Project as set forth 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 formal investigation by the Board and will be given expedited treatment pursuant to Rule 1.6(e) of the Rules.

Therefore, it is:

(76) ORDERED:

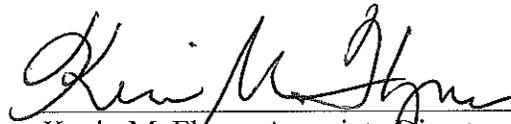
The Notice of Intent to Construct a Tap Line of Less than 1,000 feet is approved.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Warwick, Rhode Island on November 16, 2015 pursuant to an open meeting decision of November 16, 2015.

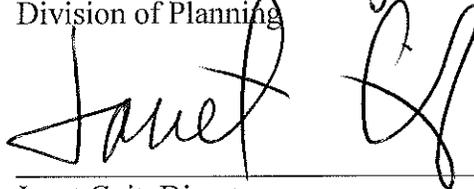
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