

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

**IN RE:           THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY           :**  
**d/b/a NATIONAL GRID – AQUIDNECK ISLAND       :**  
**RELIABILITY PROJECT IN PORTSMOUTH           :**       **SB-2016-01**  
**AND MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND               :**  
**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT               :**

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB or Board) on a Motion for Protective Treatment filed by the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid). National Grid requests that certain critical energy infrastructure information be kept confidential indefinitely, not be placed in the public docket, and be disclosed only to the Board, its attorneys and staff as necessary to review National Grid’s Application. The information is contained in Appendix A of the Environmental Report, which is part of the Application.<sup>1</sup> National Grid provided that critical energy infrastructure information is defined as “[e]xisting and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.”<sup>2</sup>

In support of its motion, National Grid asserts that the information it seeks to protect is “scientific and technological secrets...the disclosure of which would endanger the public welfare and security” and would fall within the trade secret and commercial information exception of R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4). National Grid stresses that because the information is necessary to providing safe and reliable electric service, its disclosure could allow for damage not only to the

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<sup>1</sup> An unredacted copy of Appendix A was filed separately from the original Application.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR § 388.113(c)(2).

Company's infrastructure but to the regional electric transmission system as well. No party or other interested person in this matter objected to the motion.

The argument made by National Grid supports its motion; the Board finds that the critical energy infrastructure information should be provided protective treatment. The critical energy infrastructure information in Appendix A of the Application shall be kept confidential indefinitely, not be placed in the public docket, and be disclosed only to the Board, its attorneys, and staff as necessary to review Invenergy's Application.

Accordingly, it is hereby

( 90 ) ORDERED:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Motion for Protective Treatment of the critical energy infrastructure information is granted.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, MARCH 24, 2016. WRITTEN ORDER  
ISSUED MARCH 24, 2016.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD



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