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Peter Lacouture
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RE: Docket No. SB-2016-01 Aquidneck Island Reliability Project

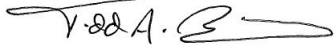
Dear Mr. Lacouture and Mr. Watson:

Pursuant to Section 42-98-8 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island ("Energy Facility Siting Act") and Section 1.7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules") of the Energy Facility Siting Board ("Board"), I hereby notify you that The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's application to construct and alter a major energy facility, namely the Aquidneck Island Reliability Project and associated structures, in Portsmouth and Middletown, Rhode Island is docketed as of January 28, 2016 and assigned Docket Number SB-2016-01. This letter shall constitute written notice of the docketing date as required by Rule 1.7(b).

As required by Rule 1.9(a), the Board will "convene a preliminary hearing to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating [the] application, to designate those agencies which shall act at the direction of the Board for the purpose of rendering advisory opinions, and to identify those licenses required by the facility which are under the direct control of DEM and CRMC." Pursuant to Rule 1.9(b), notice of the preliminary hearing will be within fifteen days of docketing. Also in accordance with Rule 1.9(b), the preliminary hearing will commence within sixty days of docketing, but not sooner than forty-five days after proper public notice.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 401-780-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Bianco", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Anthony Bianco, Coordinator
RI Energy Facility Siting Board

cc: Margaret Curran
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