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Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket No. 1725

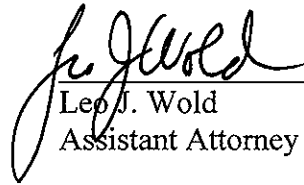
Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) writes to provide its comments relative to the Commission’s review of the General Assembly’s request to adopt an emergency regulation to restore gas and electric service to residential customers that is scheduled on the Open Meeting agenda for Thursday, October 7, 2010. On October 6, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 19779 in the above docket. In that Order, the Commission, for a period of limited duration, adopted an emergency regulation that permitted residential customers to reestablish utility service upon satisfying the following two conditions: (i) customers (with certain designated balances) made down payments of 10%, 15% or 20% within certain specified time-periods, and (ii) the customer requesting the plan either did not participate in the plan in the prior year, or, the customer participated in the plan in the prior year and currently possessed a balance due on his or her account that was the same or less than the customer possessed upon enrollment in the plan in the prior year. In all events, the Commission required customers to pay their current bills within the time period allowed by National Grid.

The Division has reviewed the request of the General Assembly, data responses provided by National Grid to the Commission that reflect the uptake of the program for the designated 2009 period, as well as Order No. 19779. The Division recommends that the Commission issue an emergency regulation for the period October 7, 2010 through December 1, 2010, on the same terms and conditions as reflected in Order No. 19779 in Docket No. 1725.

Respectfully submitted,

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers,

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