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**RE: Docket 2509 - Storm Contingency Fund
November 3-4, 2007 Storm**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

In accordance with Order No. 15360 (August 19, 1997) and paragraph 4(b) of the Settlement approved by the Commission in the above-captioned docket, enclosed please find ten (10) copies of National Grid's¹ summary of a storm that occurred on November 3-4, 2007, which will likely qualify for inclusion in the Company's Storm Contingency Fund. Paragraph 4(b) of the Settlement requires the Company to:

File with the Commission within 90 days after the occurrence of a storm, a report which provides a description of the storm along with a summary of the extent of the damage to the Company's system, including the number of outages and length of the outages.

The enclosed report provides such a summary. While the Company has not yet accumulated the total costs related to this November storm, the incremental restoration costs caused by this storm are expected to exceed the storm fund threshold amount of \$699,000. A supplemental report detailing the incremental restoration costs caused by this storm will be submitted to the Commission once total costs have been accumulated by the Company.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,

Laura S. Olton

Enclosure

cc: Paul Roberti, Esq.
Steve Scialabba, RI Division
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¹ Filed by The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid ("Company").

**The Narragansett Electric Company
Storm Fund Reporting
November 3-4, 2007 Storm**

The New England region experienced a Nor'easter storm on November 3, 2007. This storm included the remnants of Hurricane Noel, which had become a strong ocean storm of the Carolinas and then quickly traveled northeast along the coast. The Nor'easter, which began at 7:00 am on the morning of Saturday, November 3, 2007 and continued throughout the day to end in the early morning hours of Sunday, November 4, 2007, brought intense rainfall and wind gusts in excess of 50 mph to Rhode Island. These gusts were especially notable along coastal areas. In addition and as a result of the intense rainfall, minor coastal flooding occurred during the storm hours.

The most intense wind gusts accompanied the passage of the remains of Hurricane Noel during the mid-afternoon and early evening hours of November 3. A wind gust of 56 mph was reported in Newport with 44 and 43 mph noted for Providence and Westerly, respectively. This was accompanied by sustained winds between 25 and 35 mph, along with rainfall amounts that ranged between 1/2 and 3/4 inches across the whole of Rhode Island.

The damage resulting from the passage of this storm required assistance from additional internal and contractor resources. These resources included 17.5 contractor line crews, nine (9) service restoration crews, 41 wires down standby personnel, and 15 tree crews. These resources were in addition to the 27 Company line crews and 9 trouble men that also provided restoration assistance during the storm event. The Company responded to a total of 83 interruptions that affected 21,462 customers for 2,197,700 customer minutes of interruption. On average, these interruptions resulted in 0.05 SAIFI, 4.65 minutes of SAIDI and 102 minutes of interruption per customer affected. As shown in the following chart, 10,100 customers were interrupted at peak, which occurred at 5:00 pm on November 3, 2007.

nationalgrid
National Grid, USA
**Number of Customers Without Power for Next 24 hours
November 3, 2007 06:00**

