

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NATIONAL GRID : DOCKET NO. 3931  
LEAST COST PROCUREMENT :

ORDER

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") adopted and promulgated Least Cost Procurement Standards ("Standards") pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-27.7.

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2008, National Grid ("NGrid") filed its proposed Least Cost Procurement Plan ("Plan") in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-27.7 and the Standards promulgated by the Commission.

WHEREAS, the Plan is comprised of an Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan and a System Reliability Procurement Plan.

WHEREAS, during the hearing on the Standards, NGrid noted that the programs in the Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan would build off the current DSM programs and that the funding for these programs may be a little higher than the current funding.

WHEREAS, in its Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan, NGrid requested that the Commission authorize an increase in the Demand Side Management ("DSM") charge in 2009 by \$0.0012/kWh to support the expansion of the programs for a total charge of \$0.0032/kWh for effect January 1, 2009.

WHEREAS, NGrid represented that there is currently no budget proposed for system reliability procurement.

WHEREAS, the Commission has not had the opportunity to review the specific programs to be offered by NGrid as part of its DSM program as NGrid has not filed its 2009 DSM plan.

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Office of Energy Resources, and The Energy Council of Rhode Island noted there is insufficient background on the System Reliability Plan to allow those parties to establish and set forth their positions.

WHEREAS, since the funding mechanism of the Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan is tied to NGrid's DSM programs and a number of parties have requested time to formulate positions on the System Reliability Plan, the Commission will defer any decision on the Plan and its funding until after the parties have had the opportunity to conduct further study and the Commission has had full and complete opportunity to review the specifics of the DSM programs and associated budgets to be filed November 1, 2008.

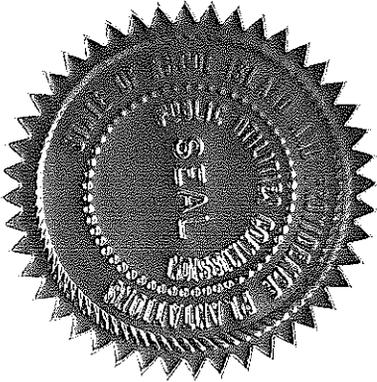
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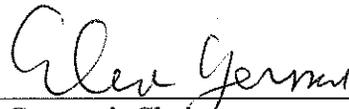
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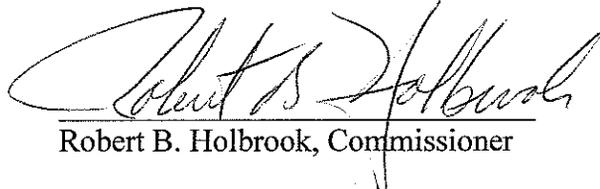
1. The Commission shall defer any decision of National Grid's Least Cost Procurement Plan until such time as it has the opportunity to review the specifics of National Grid's DSM programs and further study the System Reliability Plan.

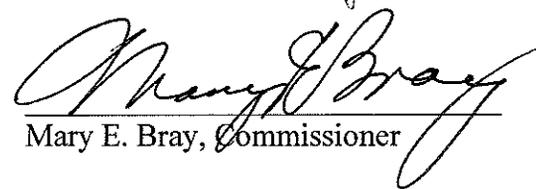
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON OCTOBER 30, 2008,  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON OCTOBER 30, 2008.  
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED NOVEMBER 17, 2008.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
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Elia Germani, Chairman

  
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Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

  
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Mary E. Bray, Commissioner