December 12, 2008

Luly E. Massaro Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02889

RE: Docket 4000 – National Grid – Energy Efficiency Program Plans for the 2009 Demand Side Management Programs (gas and electric)

Dear Ms. Massaro:

The Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council ("Council") respectfully submits this letter of support for National Grid's Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2009 filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on November 7, 2008. The members of the Council's Sub-Committee/Collaborative engaged in long and substantive discussions on the Program Plan and reached consensus agreement on the 2009 Program Plan. The full Council with the Office of Energy Resources ("OER") engaged in a detailed discussion of the 2009 Program Plan Agreement at its meeting of November 13, 2008 and the Council voted to endorse the 2009 Program Plan.

The Council, which includes statutorily designated representatives from: (1) energy regulation and law; (2) large commercial/industrial users; (3) small commercial/industrial users; (4) residential users; (5) low income users; (6) environmental issues pertaining to energy; and (7) energy design and codes is encouraged by the Company's 2009 Energy Efficiency Program Plan which will generate total benefits of \$136 million for Rhode Island ratepayer from efficiency investments made in 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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