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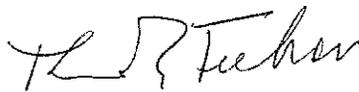
**RE: Docket 4000 - The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid
Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2009
Response to Commission Data Request**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of The Narragansett Electric Company's d/b/a National Grid response to the Commission's Data Request issued on November 18, 2008 in the above-referenced proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Teehan

Enclosures

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Commission Data Request

Request:

Please explain why customers are required to have energy saving measures installed by RISE to qualify for incentives and why customers are not allowed to choose other contractors, such as Home Depot and Lowe's, to perform these same measures in order to qualify for incentives.

Response:

In 2009, the Company has proposed that customers may have a choice of contractor to install energy savings measures recommended by the EnergyWise audit, subject to certain conditions. This change from prior years' practice (where the EnergyWise program administrator has had the exclusive right to install recommended measures) is described in Attachment 2 pages 4 and 5 of the 2009 Energy Efficiency Program Plan.

The EnergyWise Program is certified by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) as a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program. Since 2002 National Grid and the EPA require that the EnergyWise/HPwES program contract administrator be an affiliate of the Building Performance Institute (BPI). BPI credentialed companies are trained to take into account the complex interactions that affect health, safety, comfort, energy performance and the durability of homes. BPI standards include comprehensive diagnostic testing during installations, measurement and verification that the work is completed properly, and quality assurance. This ensures that the EnergyWise Program meets high health and safety standards. National Grid had previously gone out to bid for a program administrator to provide home site assessments and installations that meet EPA and BPI standards.

The Company has proposed for 2009 to open up the weatherization installations to insulation contractors who successfully complete the BPI Building Analyst Training and pass both the written and field certification exams. The Company has offered BPI training in 2008 in preparation for the 2009 EnergyWise Program for 1 - 4 family homes and a number of contractors have completed the course and taken the certification exams. National Grid is working with the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) to develop a BPI Building Analyst Training curriculum for future trainings.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and/or any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically submitted, hand delivered, and mailed to the individuals listed below.



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