

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID	:	
ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT	:	DOCKET NO. 4034
PROGRAM	:	

ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2009, National Grid (“NGrid”) filed its Draft Accelerated Replacement Program (“ARP”) proposal for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”).

WHEREAS, in Docket No. 3943, Susan Fleck provided testimony that National Grid will file no later than January 15 of each year a draft copy of its ARP for Commission and Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) review.

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2009, the Commission conducted a technical session to discuss the draft ARP.

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, NGrid filed its final ARP proposal for Commission approval.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2009, the Division filed a letter with the Commission noting that it “does not possess the detailed data or expertise of the gas distribution system to properly assess, on a location by location basis, the integrity of the Company’s bare steel and cast-iron mains and high pressure inside meter sets.”

WHEREAS, the February 24, 2009 letter of the Division noted that the NGrid’s filing appeared to constitute a reasonable approach by the Company in fulfilling the requirements of the ARP.

WHEREAS, the Division recommended that NGrid provide the Commission and the Division with a monthly list of the completed service locations and their associated costs during the replacement period and a monthly status report detailing the main replacements that were commenced and completed in the prior month identifying each completed project's location and known or estimated final cost.

WHEREAS, the Commission has received verbal assurances from NGrid that it will not perform any meter replacements on the outside of customers' residences in the City of Providence until the issues in Docket No. 4028 are resolved.¹

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2009, the Commission held an Open Meeting to discuss NGrid's ARP.

WHEREAS, during the Open Meeting, the Commission expressed concern over the issues presently pending in Docket No. 4028 and approved NGrid's ARP conditioned on NGrid not engaging in any activities that are the subject matter of Docket No. 4028 in any community until such time as those issues are resolved.

Accordingly, it is hereby

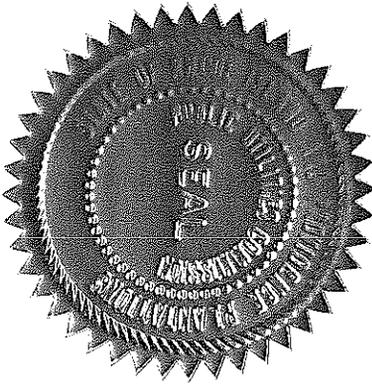
(19611) ORDERED:

1. National Grid's Accelerated Replacement Program is approved conditioned on National Grid not engaging in any activities that are the subject of Docket No. 4028 in any community until further order.

¹ In Docket No. 4028, the Commission is conducting a review pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-30 of a City of Providence Ordinance related to gas meter locations.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 1, 2009,
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MARCH 31, 2009.
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 7, 2009.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani

Elia Germani, Chairman

Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner*

Mary E. Bray

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*Commissioner Holbrook did not participate in this decision.