

**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, 2010, National Grid (“NGrid”) filed its Draft Accelerated Replacement Program (“ARP”) proposal for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010 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 January 29, 2010, the Commission conducted a technical session to discuss the draft ARP.

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010, NGrid filed its final ARP proposal for Commission approval.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2010, the Division filed a letter with the Commission noting that its prior concern that NGrid overestimated the overall cost of projects and that NGrid apply actual 2010 ARP Program costs experience to the FY2011 ARP Proposal had been addressed by NGrid and that NGrid had lowered the projected costs from those contained in the FY2010 ARP Program.

WHEREAS, the Division’s letter also noted that NGrid had addressed the Division’s concern that NGrid provide more information regarding monthly data for Division review by including a summary table as part of each monthly report.

WHEREAS, the Division's letter addressed its prior concern regarding the Saint Theresa Street project, the nature of which is to remove water that had found its way into a customer's natural gas service line and noted that since the purpose of the ARP Plan is to reduce the number of gas leaks, the Company should use leak replacement as a qualifier for placing a project on the ARP Program list.

WHEREAS, the Division's letter stated that without waiving the concern about the Saint Theresa Street project, approval of NGrid's proposed FY20100 ARP Program as filed was recommended.

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2010, the Commission held an Open Meeting to discuss NGrid's ARP Program.

WHEREAS, during the Open Meeting, the Commission approved NGrid's ARP Program.

Accordingly, it is hereby

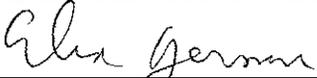
(19991) ORDERED:

1. National Grid's Accelerated Replacement Program is approved.

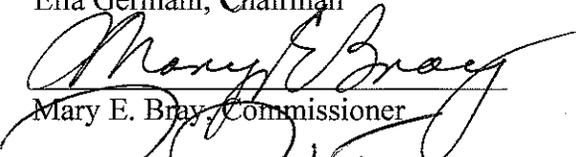
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 1, 2010,
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MARCH 30, 2010.

WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 30, 2010.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner



Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

