

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF SMART GRID :
INVESTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC :
UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES : DOCKET NO. 4052
ACT OF 1978 (PURPA), AS AMENDED BY :
FEDERAL ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND :
SECURITY ACT OF 2007 :

ORDER

WHEREAS, The Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1978, as amended by the Federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (the “EISA”) requires that the Commission initiate a proceeding to consider whether to adopt additional standards as a requirement on the state’s electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, the EISA expects the Commission to consider Integrated Resource Planning, Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments, Consideration of Smart Grid Investments and Smart Grid Information; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to consider the standards, but is not required to adopt them; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may also take into account prior determinations after review of the standards; and

WHEREAS, if the Commission does not consider each of these standards in a separate proceeding, then the standards are to be considered and a determination made in the first rate proceeding three years after the law was enacted, or after December 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) initiated the instant proceeding to undertake a review of advanced meter technology (“Smart Grid); and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2009, Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“NGrid”) filed a Smart Grid Pilot Proposal which was separately docketed; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered Integrated Resource Planning in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7 and 39-1-27.8 through its review of NGrid’s least cost procurement plan which included an Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan and NGrid’s System Reliability Procurement Plan which was linked to Demand Side Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and approved energy efficiency programs for both NGrid Electric and NGrid Gas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission considered Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments when it considered and rejected NGrid Gas’ decoupling proposal in 2008 and will address it again in the pending NGrid Electric distribution rate case in which is included a decoupling proposal by NGrid; and

WHEREAS, the Commission expects to consider Smart Grid Investment and Smart Grid Information as part of its review of NGrid’s Smart Grid Pilot Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in addition to NGrid’s Smart Grid Pilot Proposal, the Commission is reviewing the availability of the type of information set forth in the EISA related to Smart Grid Information in the NGrid’s Electric distribution rate case; and

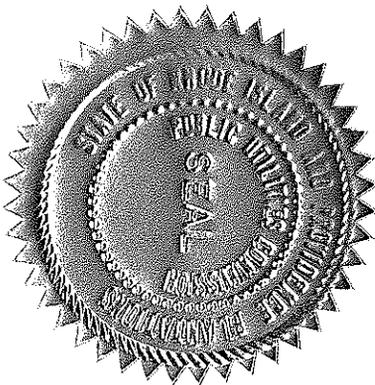
WHEREAS, at its Open Meeting held on September 2, 2009, the Commission found that based on its consideration in other dockets of the standards set forth in the EISA, no further action is required in the instant proceeding and Docket No. 4052 can be closed.

According, it is hereby

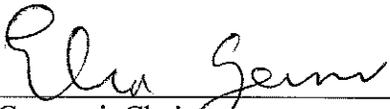
(19766) ORDERED

1. This docket is closed because the requirements of the EISA have or are being considered in other dockets.
2. To the extent a standard has not been considered by the Commission and/or is not pending as of December 19, 2010, it shall be included in the first rate proceeding to be filed by the electric or gas utilities subject to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended.

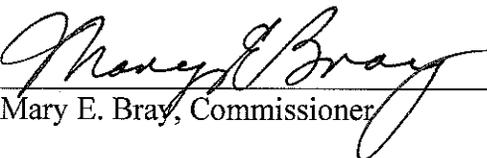
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

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Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

*Commissioner Roberti concurs but is unavailable for signature.