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Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
RI Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island

IN RE: Dockets No. 4277 and No. 4288

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am writing to respectfully encourage the Commission to give integrated consideration to matters set forth in Docket No. 4277, Distributed Generation Enrollment and Enrollment Process Rules, and Docket No. 4288, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources' Proposed Distributed Generation Standard Contract, Classes and Ceiling Prices. Both dockets arise from requirements of "The Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Act," Public Laws of 2011, chapters 129 and 143, and have overlapping content.

If overlapping issues are not harmonized, the result could be confusing for parties trying to use the provisions of "The Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Act." An instance of the disjointedness between provisions set forth in the two dockets is the subject of data request number 3, Docket No. 4288, Commission Second Set of Data Requests Directed to the RI Office of Energy Resources, issued October 27, 2011.

The Enrollment Rules, Docket No. 4277, were filed with the Commission by National Grid on August 31, 2011, while the Standard Contract, Docket No. 4288, was filed with the Commission on October 12, 2011. During the intervening period, thinking about certain key issues evolved, with a result that matters covered in both dockets need to be harmonized.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth F. Payne
Administrator