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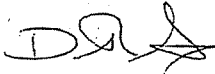
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

To: L. Massaro

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From: D. R. Stearns 

Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Date: 11/13/2012

Re: Narragansett Electric – Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2012:

Docket 4295

On November 8, 2012 Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a/ National Grid (“NGrid”, or “Company”) submitted to the Division a request in the above referenced docket, to transfer funds in the gas budget of the 2012 Energy Efficiency Plan.

Specifically, the company requested authorization to transfer \$900,000 from the ENERGY STAR® HVAC program to the EnergyWise Program. Due to lower than anticipated participation in the ENERGY STAR® HVAC program, NGrid does not expect to be able to use these funds in that program. The transfer is within the Residential gas sector and will allow the Company to serve more customers this year with weatherization of single family homes. The transfer will also serve to help seventeen (17) independent contracting firms obtain more work by weatherizing those homes.

Although the transfer does not change the energy savings goal for the Residential gas sector, it does change the savings goals, benefits and participation of the two programs within the sector.

The proposed transfer of \$900,000 represents 30% of the ENERGY STAR® HVAC budget. According to Section IV.C.1(B) of the approved settlement agreement in this docket, “For transfers of 10% or more of the originating program’s budget, the Company can transfer funds from one program to another program within the same sector with prior approval of the Division. Upon seeking such approval from the Division, the Company shall simultaneously notify the EERMC.”

Accordingly, the Company requested Division approval of this transfer of funds. NGrid is simultaneously requesting approval from the EERMC.

After discussing the request with its consultant, Timothy Woolf, of Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., the Division has approved the requested transfer of funds.

Attached is a copy of the letter to NGrid approving the transfer of funds.

Cc: Thomas Ahern,
Administrator, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Attachment



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November 13, 2012

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**In re: Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid
2012 Energy Efficiency Program Plan-Transfer of Funds Request
Docket No. 4295**

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

On November 8, 2012 National Grid submitted to the Division a request in the above referenced docket, to transfer funds in the 2012 Energy Efficiency Plan (the "2012 Plan"). The 2012 Plan was approved by Commission Open Meeting decision on December 21, 2011; written Order Number 20596 was issued December 22, 2011.

The Company's request seeks approval to transfer approximately \$900,000 from the Energy Star HVAC to the EnergyWise Program. The Division notes that the requested transfer will assist the Company to serve customers with single family home weatherization efforts.

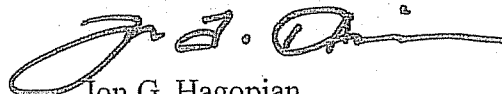
The Division has concluded that the requested transfer represents 30% of the ENERGY STAR HVAC Program Budget, as demonstrated in Table G-2 of the 2012 EE Plan, revised as a result of a funds transfer approved by the Division in June 2012. According to Section IV.C.1.(B) of the approved settlement agreement in this docket, "[f]or transfers of 10% or more of the originating program's budget, the Company can transfer funds from one program to another program within the same sector with prior approval of the Division. Upon seeking such approval from the Division, the Company shall simultaneously notify the EERMC."

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Upon consideration of the request and after discussing the matter with consultant, Timothy Woolf, of Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., the Division approves the requested transfer of funds

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Hagopian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jon G. Hagopian
Senior Counsel
Rhode Island Division Of
Public Utilities & Carriers