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To: L. Massaro

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From: D. R. Stearns 

Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Date: 06/15/2012

Re: Narragansett Electric – Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2012:
Docket 4295

On June 13, 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.

The transfer, from the Low Income Residential Sector to the Commercial and Industrial (“C&I”) Sector, would allow the Company to provide retrofit projects at six low income multifamily facilities that are master metered and, therefore, are served by the C&I programs.

The proposed transfer of \$300,000 represents 16.3% of the Low Income Residential Sector gas budget.

According to Section IV.C.2 of the approved settlement agreement in this docket, any transfers between sectors require authorization from the Division and the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council (“EERMC”), provided the transfer does not reduce the originating sector budget by more than 20% in aggregate over the course of the program year. For transfers that would result in a greater than 20% reduction of a sector budget within a program year, Commission approval is required as well.

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 Narragansett approving the transfer of funds.

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

Attachment



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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 June 13, 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 here seeks approval to transfer approximately \$300,000 thousand from the gas Single Family Low Income program in the Low Income Residential sector to the Large Commercial Retrofit Program in the C&I sector. The transfer, from the Low Income Residential Sector to the Commercial and Industrial ("C&I") Sector, would allow the Company to provide retrofit projects at six low income multifamily facilities that are master metered and, therefore, are served by the C&I programs. Based upon the representations of National Grid, the Division concludes that although the total of all sectors would remain unchanged, the sector budgets will change, with the Low Income Residential Sector decreasing and the Commercial and Industrial Sector increasing, by \$300,000.

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The Division has further concluded that the requested transfer represents 16.3% of the Low Income Residential sector budget. According to Section IV.C.2 of the approved settlement agreement in this docket, “[t]he Company can transfer funds from one sector to another sector with approval of the Division and the EERMC (or its appointed representatives).” Accordingly, the Company is seeking Division approval of this transfer of funds.

After discussing the request with its 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 stylized 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

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Enclosure