

September 21, 2012

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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RE: Docket 4323 - Application for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Sections 39-3-10 and 39-3-11 Request for Extension of Filing Rebuttal and Surrebuttal Testimony Deadlines

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule established by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for the above-referenced proceeding, the deadline for filing of rebuttal testimony by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company") is September 26, 2012. This letter is to request that this filing deadline be extended for one week to October 3, 2012. The Company is requesting this extension to allow additional time for potential resolution of the issues in this case so that the time needed for evidentiary hearings may be reduced.

Please note that the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division") has authorized the Company to represent its agreement with this request. Also, the extension of time is not intended to delay evidentiary hearings. Instead, the Company's proposal is to move the deadline for the filing of the Division's surrebuttal testimony from October 12, 2012 to October 19, 2012, and the date for the start of evidentiary hearings from October 22, 2012 to October 25, 2012. If a resolution of issues is reached, then the filing of additional testimony by the Company and the Division will be obviated. If a resolution is not reached, this revised schedule would allow for two weeks of hearings rather than three weeks of hearings. However, the Company and the Division agree that, even if some or all of the issues need to be litigated, two weeks of hearing time is more than sufficient for that purpose. Therefore, the Company and the Division agree that there is no need to extend the current hearing time by an additional week to accommodate this requested extension. However, if the Commission determines that additional hearing days are needed beyond November 9, 2012, the Company and the Division agree that the period of time allowed for the parties to file briefs can be shortened accordingly.

The Company appreciates the Commission's consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and/or any materials accompanying this certificate were electronically submitted to the individuals listed below. The Commission received hard copies of this transmittal.



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