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## RE: Docket 4483 – In Re: Petition of Wind Energy Development, LLC and ACP Land, LLC Relating to Interconnection <u>Responses to PUC Post-Hearing Data Requests</u>

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,<sup>1</sup> I have enclosed the Company's responses to the posthearing data requests issued by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in the abovereferenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Sincerely,

Raquel J. Webster

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4483 Service List Leo Wold, Esq. Steve Scialabba, Division

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

## Post-Hearing COMM 1-1

## Request:

The PUC's decision on January 15, 2016 regarding the DG Interconnection Tariff revisions followed a lengthy, contested hearing process. The revisions proposed on May 11, 2016 were not proposed during the hearing process and, therefore, were not reviewed by the PUC prior to the decision. It is not known whether the revisions have been reviewed by the parties. While the Company may consider these revisions to be minor, in fairness to the parties and the integrity of the hearing process, please explain fully why the revisions on Sheets 53 and 54 (red-lined) are necessary. Include in your response the following.

- a) Did the Company consult the Division and the intervening party prior to filing the revisions on May 11, 2016, and if so, do the parties agree or disagree with the proposed revisions? If not, please confirm whether the parties have any objection to the proposed revisions.
- b) How will these revisions improve the interconnection process? Be specific, and elaborate on why it will improve the interconnection process, for customers and the Company, to provide this information upfront in the interconnection application process.
- c) Define the word "Azimuth," and explain why it is necessary to include it in the Simplified Process Interconnection Application and Service Agreement.

# Response:

a) The Company did not discuss the proposed revisions with the Division and the intervening party prior to filing the revisions because the Company considered the revisions to be minor. The Company has since discussed these revisions with the Division and the intervening party, and neither the Division nor the intervening party has any objections to the substance of the Company's proposed revisions. The Company understands that the intervening party has procedural concerns regarding the revisions.

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- b) The proposed revisions to Exhibit A, Sheets 53 and 54 of the DG Interconnection Tariff (Tariff) will improve the interconnection process because they will allow for a more comprehensive Simplified Process Interconnection Application that captures all the information required for customers that participate in either the Net Metering or Renewable Energy (RE) Growth Programs. By requesting the additional information requested in Exhibit A, customers will have a better understanding of exactly what information is required of them, and it will prevent the Company from having to follow up and request this information after customers begin the interconnection application process. Most importantly, customers will now be able to provide the Company with this information in one single application.
- c) Azimuth refers to the dominant compass heading of the solar panels. Azimuth is important to understanding how a solar array will perform because the amount of generation a solar panel can create depends on the azimuth.

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