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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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RE: Support for 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan – Docket 4527

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed is an original and ten (10) copies of a letter in support of National Grid's 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan from Marion S. Gold, Ph.D., Commissioner, Office of Energy Resources for submission in the above referenced matter.

If you need anything further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Majcher, Esq.

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Enclosure

c. Docket 4527



December 3, 2014

RI Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Amy D'Alessandro
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Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Support for 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan – Docket No. 4527

Dear Chairperson Curran, Commissioner Roberti and Commissioner DeSimone,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), I write in support of National Grid's 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EEPP or Plan), which provides detailed plans for achieving the first year goals laid out in the 2015-2017 Three-Year Least Cost Procurement Plan.

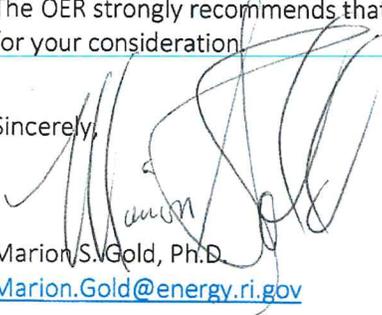
Developed in close collaboration with relevant stakeholder groups and an extremely knowledgeable consultant team, the Plan describes the details of what energy efficiency measures will be offered, rebate and incentive levels, and program and strategy details for residential, income eligible, business, and other customer sectors.

In light of recently-filed electricity rate increases and the energy price volatility facing local residents, businesses, and municipalities, it is increasingly critical for Rhode Island to leverage all cost-effective energy efficiency. The measures and incentives included in the 2015 Plan will help drive energy savings across all sectors, while supporting valuable investment and job creation throughout the Ocean State economy.

In late October, the *2014 ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard* named Rhode Island #3 in the country for energy efficiency programs. We lead the nation because we create and execute nation-leading programs like those proposed in the 2015 EEPP.

The OER strongly recommends that the Commission approve the 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan as filed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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