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Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk  
Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02889

**Re: Docket No. 4557**

Dear Ms. Massaro,

I am writing on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") relative to the Petition for Declaratory Judgment seeking a determine under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.4-2(12) as to whether the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority ("RITBA") constitutes a "public entity" for the purposes of the statute's application.

The Division has reviewed the petition, examined the statutes cited in the petition and made inquiry of National Grid as to whether the Company has any opposition to the petition. Based upon the Company's response to the Division's inquiry and the Division's own examination of the relevant laws, the Division believes that construing the term "public entity" to include RITBA for the purposes of § 39-26.4's application is not unreasonable. Accordingly, the Division recommends that the Commission grant RITBA's petition.

Very truly yours,

  
Leo J. Wold  
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