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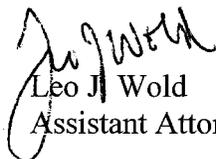
**Re: Docket No. 4591**

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 determination under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.4-2(12) as to whether the Rhode Island Airport Corporation ("RIAC") constitutes a "public entity" for 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 ("Company") 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 RIAC for the purposes of § 39-26.4's application is not unreasonable. Accordingly, the Division recommends that the Commission grant RIAC's petition.

Very truly yours,



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