STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS MEMORANDUM

TO: LULY MASSARO PUC CLERK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

FROM: STEPHEN SCIALABBA DPUC

SUBJECT: DOCKET 4610, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE FUND PROVISION RIPUC No. 2164.

On March 31, 2016, National Grid filed to make an addition to its list of sites included in the Environmental Response Fund tariff. The site is identified as the Chandonnet Site, and the Company has incurred costs at the site since 2004. In addition to seeking to add the site to its tariff, National Grid was also seeking approval of recovery of clean-up costs spent at the site of approximately \$234,000 dating back to 2004. See Company Response to Div 1-3 and 1-4. The Division did not agree that the tariff should be interpreted to allow recovery of that prior year(s) spending against the Environmental Response Fund. On September 12, National Grid filed Supplemental Responses to Div 1-3 and 1-4. The Company now posits that if the Commission approves the addition of the Chandonnet site to the tariff, it will not seek recovery of pre-FY16 expenses at the site which amounts to \$143,659. The FY 16 spending of approximately \$90,000 will be detailed in the FY16 Environmental Response Fund report that will be filed in the near future with the PUC.

Based on the Supplemental data responses of National Grid, the Division does not object to the addition of the Chandonnet Site to the tariff and the inclusion of the FY16 expenses in the FY16 Report, which will be subject to review when filed.