



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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September 22, 2016

Commissioner Margaret Curran, Chairperson
Commissioner Marion Gold
Commissioner Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr,
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: Narragansett Electric Company dba National Grid: Aquidneck Island Reliability Project,
EFSB Docket NO. SB-2016-01, PUC Docket No. 4614

Dear Commissioners:

In anticipation of the Commission's review of testimony in this matter, and in accordance with the directive of the Energy Facilities Siting Board's Preliminary Decision and Order (p. 14) which mandates that:

The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) shall render an advisory opinion as to (i) the need for the proposed facility and (ii) whether it is cost justified. The Division of Planning, the Office of Energy Resources, and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers shall participate in the PUC proceeding pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-98-9(d).

Please know that the Division of Planning's Statewide Planning Program has reviewed the proposed testimony to be offered in this matter by the Division and is in support of its content.

Sincerely,

Jared Rhodes
RI Statewide Planning Program, Chief

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original and four copies of this correspondence were filed with the clerk of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888. In addition, electronic copies of this letter were served via e mail on the service list for this Docket. I certify that all of the above occurred on Sept. 22, 2016.