DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS MEMORANDUM

TO: LULY MASSARO CLERK, PUC AUGUST 31, 2016

FROM: STEPHEN SCIALABBA
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GRID TARIFF ADVICE TO AMEND RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM TARRIFS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, RIPUC NUMBERS 2151-A AND 2152-A, RESPECTIVELY. DOCKET 4540.

On August 12, 2016, National Grid made a tariff advice filing to make changes to both the Residential and Non-Residential REG tariffs. Most of the proposed changes are ministerial, or non-substantive in nature, and are described in the cover letter accompanying the filing. The primary, and most substantive tariff change, is an expansion to the exceptions to the prohibition on project segmentation. In the proposed tariff language, the Company has added language that provides that "Projects on contiguous parcels *or a single parcel* will not be considered as segmented if they serve different Residential Customers" The new language is italicized in the preceding sentence.

I discussed the proposed tariff changes with the Office of Energy Resources as well, and OER finds the proposed tariff changes reasonable. The Division of Public Utilities has no objections to any of National Grid's proposed tariff changes to the REG Residential and Non-Residential tariffs, and the related Process Rules changes as well.