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RI Public Utilities Commission
Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: National Grid Rate Case #47-70

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. 2018-01 adopted by the Council of the City of Newport on January 10, 2018.

Resolution 2018-01 requests the R.I. Public Utilities Commission to lessen the impact of utility cost increases which are proposed by National Grid. Further, the City Council requests the resolution be entered into the hearing record/minutes during the public commentary period at the upcoming hearing.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

Enclosures

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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL
No. 2018-01

- WHEREAS, Newport residents, as well as residents of other Communities have received new electric and gas bills that are giving them anxiety and sticker shock due to huge increases; AND
- WHEREAS, the new Distribution charges are increasing bills by huge percentages and are compromising residents' ability to pay necessary life expenses for rent, food, medical needs; AND
- WHEREAS, the RI PUC's decision to put the significant increase in renewable power costs from off-shore wind and net metering into the Distribution charge and not the Power Charge so that consumers cannot opt to purchase equivalent power from outside Rhode Island as provided by law; AND
- WHEREAS, utility bills in the Northeast affect the health and safety of residents and their families; AND
- WHEREAS, the RI PUC granted National Grid recent huge increases and will be reviewing a new request by National Grid for greater increases; AND
- WHEREAS, Public Hearings will be held regarding the new Rate Filing request by National Grid; AND
- WHEREAS, National Grid is a Scottish company operating in the U.S.; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, that the City Council of Newport requests that the RI PUC do its due diligence on lessening the impact of these huge utility cost increases by advocating for the Public and considering reallocating necessary increases into the Power portion of electric bills where they belong; AND BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the RI PUC explain specifically what the exact sources of these cost increases are attributed to; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the RI Legislature and Congressional Delegation look at ways to lessen the financial burden on families; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be sent to the RI PUC Clerk to be distributed to the PUC to be entered into the hearing records/minutes during the public commentary period that is being scheduled soon; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, copies be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and RI Public Utilities Commission (RI PUC) and the City of Newport requests that the town Councils of Middletown and Portsmouth support this Resolution and send their approvals to National Grid, the State Legislature and the Governor's office.

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JANUARY 10, 2018



Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk