



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

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VIA HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL

Luly E. Massaro  
Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

**Re: Docket No. 4822 – Solicitations of Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.1-1 et seq.**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On October 26, 2018,<sup>1</sup> the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid made a compliance filing with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) containing proposed quantitative and qualitative evaluation protocols to be used for the review of bids submitted in response to its Request for Proposals for renewable energy supply as well as renewable energy certificates and related attributes for up to 400 megawatts of newly developed renewable energy resources (Docket #4822). Additionally, National Grid reviewed its evaluation protocols against the Benefit-Cost Framework that was approved by the PUC in Docket #4600 and submitted a reference document that identifies where the various elements of the Benefit-Cost Framework will be considered during bid evaluation.

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) and Division of Public Utilities & Carriers (DPUC) – through its joint consultant, Levitan & Associates – coordinated with the utility in its development of the proposed evaluation protocols. Subsequently, OER and DPUC reviewed the full confidential filing and Docket #4600 Benefit-Cost framework comparison submitted by National Grid on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Based upon engagement during protocol development and subsequent review, OER and DPUC support the evaluation protocols submitted by National Grid in this docket as being consistent with the procurement document approved by the PUC in Docket #4822 as well as the enabling Long-Term Contracting statute.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Andrew S. Marcaccio.

Andrew S. Marcaccio  
On behalf of OER

Handwritten signature of Jon Hagopian.

Jon Hagopian  
On behalf of DPUC

cc: Service List (Email Only)

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<sup>1</sup> On October 29, 2018, National Grid filed a revised letter on this matter.