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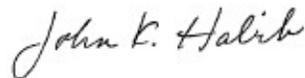
**RE: Review of Proposed Power Purchase Agreements
Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31
Docket No. 4929**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are statement of qualifications for the additional witnesses that National Grid¹ intends to make available for cross examination at the upcoming hearings in the above-referenced matter. J. Richard (Rick) Hornby and Ninad Kumthekar of Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich (TCR) will be available to address issues relating to TCR's quantitative analysis and modeling. Additionally, Scott M. McCabe, Manager of New England Electric Pricing in the Regulation and Pricing department of National Grid USA Service Company, Inc., will be available to testify regarding cost recovery and rate design. The qualifications and experience of Messrs. Hornby, Kumthekar and McCabe are summarized in the enclosed materials.

Please contact me at 617-951-1400 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Docket No. 4929 Service List

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).



J Richard (Rick) Hornby

Senior Consultant, Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich

Rick Hornby is an industrial engineer and energy policy analyst with 40 years' experience in energy economics, policy, and ratemaking issues. At TCR Mr. Hornby provides consulting services, litigation support, and expert testimony on electric industry planning, market structure, and ratemaking issues. He is focusing on issues associated with the transition to cleaner sources in wholesale energy markets and to the utility of the future at the distribution level. Since joining TCR in 2014 his projects have included economic evaluations of clean energy and offshore wind proposals for electric distribution companies in Massachusetts and for National Grid in Rhode Island, analyses of market design and pricing / ratemaking required to implement a distribution level market for electric products from distributed energy resources and traditional resources and development of long-term projections of avoided electricity and natural gas costs in New England..

Mr. Hornby's clients have included utility regulators, efficiency program administrators, consumer advocates, environmental groups, state energy and environmental policy makers, power and transmission project developers, energy marketers, gas producers, and utilities throughout the United States and in Canada. He has provided expert testimony and litigation support on numerous electricity and natural gas issues in over 125 regulatory proceedings and contract arbitration cases in more than 30 states and provinces. He has testified on the value of distributed energy resources; utility proposals for smart grid and smart meter investments; proposals for dynamic pricing and other time varying rates; proposed acquisitions of generating assets; ratemaking proposals to better align utility financial incentives with aggressive pursuit of energy efficiency, including the Duke Energy "save-a-watt" proposal; unbundling electricity and natural gas retail services and rates; and procurement of natural gas supplies and pipeline capacity.

Prior to joining TCR, Mr. Hornby was a senior consultant at Synapse Energy Economics and at Tabors Caramanis & Associates. Previously he was director of the energy practice at Tellus Institute, assistant deputy minister of energy for the province of Nova Scotia, and a project engineer responsible for energy management programs in industry.

EDUCATION

MS, Technology and Policy (Energy), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
BE, Industrial Engineering, Dalhousie University



Ninad Kumthekar

Senior Analyst, Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich

Ninad Kumthekar is a mechanical engineer and analyst with 6 years' experience in the energy industry. He specializes in the modeling and analysis of power systems and has a solid understanding of the technical and economic fundamentals of various power generation, transmission and desalination technologies.

Since joining TCR in November 2017, Ninad has been directly involved in the modeling, and economic evaluation of, proposals for clean energy and offshore wind projects for electric distribution companies in Massachusetts and for National Grid in Rhode Island. This involvement has included input to the development, testing and implementation of the capacity expansion module in the TCR simulation model (ENELYTIX), running the energy and ancillary services market module of ENELYTIX, reviewing bidder's technical proposals, market research and data analysis, preparing quantitative evaluation workbooks of proposals, preparing summary result workbooks and preparing responses to data requests. He served as project manager and lead analyst for the evaluation of proposals TCR prepared for National Grid in Rhode Island. He has served as an analyst on TCR's other consulting and litigation projects.

Prior to TCR, he worked as a project engineer with the UK based engineering consulting firm, Mott MacDonald, with their power generation team in Abu Dhabi. In that role he was a part of project teams delivering technical advisory, engineering consultancy and design services to developers, regulatory bodies, lenders and electricity utilities in the Middle East.

Mr. Kumthekar is experienced in spreadsheet modeling and has developed models for load and emission forecasting, fuel demand, subsystem design optimizations, and project life cycle cost analyses. He is proficient at production cost modeling and thermal modeling using proprietary software and has undertaken design reviews, feasibility studies and assisted in the development and evaluation of technical bids. He is conversant in visual basic and C programming languages and uses R and MATLAB to undertake complex data manipulation and statistical analysis tasks.

EDUCATION

Master of Engineering Management, Dartmouth College

BTech, Mechanical Engineering, National Institute of Technology (Surat), India

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Petition of Narragansett Electric Company)
d/b/a National Grid for Approval of)
Proposed Power Purchase Agreements Pursuant to)
R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31)

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Scott M. McCabe Statement of Qualifications

Scott M. McCabe is the Manager of New England Electric Pricing in the Regulation and Pricing department of National Grid USA Service Company, Inc., which provides services to The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company). In that role, Mr. McCabe is responsible for the design, implementation, and administration of electric rates and tariffs for the Company and its affiliates.

Mr. McCabe graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Government and Legal Studies. From 1991 to 1999, he was employed by Bay State Gas Company (Bay State Gas), where he held several positions. In 1991, Mr. McCabe began his employment at Bay State Gas as an intern for the Marketing and Sales Group and was promoted to Associate Planning Analyst for the same group in January 1993. In August 1993, he joined the Demand Side Management (DSM) department as a program manager responsible for the implementation of Bay State Gas's commercial and multifamily DSM programs. In August 1996, Mr. McCabe joined EnergyUSA, an unregulated affiliate of Bay State Gas, as a Senior Financial Analyst. In December 1997, he was promoted to Manager of Product Support. In January 1999, Mr. McCabe rejoined Bay State Gas as Revenue Control and Analysis Supervisor. From May 1999 through April 2001, he worked for the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative as Project Manager for the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust. In April 2001, Mr. McCabe joined National Grid as Senior Analyst in the Energy Efficiency Services Group. In 2002, he transferred to the Regulation and Pricing Department in October 2002, and in July 2008, was promoted to Principal Analyst and in July 2013 became a Principal Program Manager. In May of 2014, Mr. McCabe was promoted to his current position.

Mr. McCabe has previously testified before the Public Utilities Commission on numerous occasions in support of various rate-related issues. In addition, he has testified extensively in several ratemaking and regulatory proceedings before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.