



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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March 11, 2019

To: Mr. Kevin M. Lynch, Acting Administrator, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Cc: Celia O'Brien, Rob Humm, Raquel Webster and Christy Heatherington

Re: Investigation into Gas Outage on Aquidneck Island (Docket 4934)

Dear Mr. Lynch:

On March 1, 2019, pursuant to directives issued by the Rhode Island Senate (S0188), the Public Utilities Commission opened a docket to investigate the causes of the recent gas outage on Aquidneck Island.

The Commission is aware that the Division has already opened its own summary investigation under R.I. Gen Laws 39-4-13, to determine whether probable cause exists to open a formal investigation under R.I. Gen Laws 39-4-14. The Commission is not seeking to duplicate efforts already in motion. Please advise the Commission by March 22, 2019 of the status of the investigation. Additionally, please file status reports reading the Division's investigation with the Commission every thirty days.

The Commission seeks information on the following issues:

### **Reliability and Resiliency**

- Was there an outage at the Providence LNG tank?
- LNG peaking capacity and performance.
- What was the role of regasification in this outage, if any?
- What was happening with system pressure support?
- What did the control center know and when?
- What role, if any, did Field's Point play?
- What caused the malfunction of the Enbridge valve?
- What contingency plans, if any, were implemented in this incident?
- The Company's compliance with code requirements.

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**Planning & Reliability**

- How did the Long-Range Gas Supply Plan perform under this situation?
- Was the Company adequately prepared for such an incident and how well did it execute its plans?

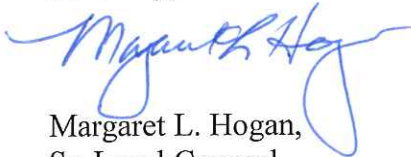
**Incident Response Costs**

- Was the Company's response appropriate and adequate?

Please advise the Commission as soon as possible if the Division will not be investigating any of these issues. The Senate directed the PUC to submit a written report by June 4, 2019. The PUC does not presently anticipate closing this Docket at that time, but will keep it open for status updates, as the Commission deems necessary.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Commission's request or timeline, please do advise.

Sincerely,



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