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Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Division of
Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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***RE: Docket 5011 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a/ National Grid
Review of Proposed Power Purchase Agreements Pursuant to RIGL §39-26.1***

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed herewith please find an original and 9 copies of the following documents:

1. Gravel Pit Solar II, LLC's Response to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Data Requests (Set 1).

Please note that electronic copies of these documents have been provided to the service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosures
cc: Service List (via electronic mail)

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
 COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID REVIEW : DOCKET NO. 5011
 OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT :
 PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.1 :

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION’S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS DIRECTED TO
 GRAVEL PIT SOLAR II, LLC
 (Issued March 24, 2020)

1-1. Please describe the property where the proposed facility is to be sited, i.e., how is it currently zoned, what is it currently being used for, whether it is rural, forest, brownfield, etc., and describe the clearing activities that will be required to take place if any. Include in that description the size of the property, location with respect to neighboring properties and how those neighboring properties are zoned. If available, please provide pictures of the site.

Response:

The proposed facility will be sited on property that is predominately zoned as Manufacturing (M-1) (approximately 75% of the project area), and partially zoned Agricultural / Residential (A-1) (approximately 25%). The majority of the proposed Gravel Pit Solar Project will be located on land that is currently being used, or was previously used, for gravel and sand mining. A smaller portion of the project will be sited on land currently used for tobacco farming. See table below. The majority of the properties where the facility will be constructed are unforested; however, some tree removal is expected to occur to reduce shading. Adjacent properties include a landfill, two small-scale solar projects, a firing range, an industrial development, and single-family residential homes. Adjacent properties are zoned as Manufacturing (M-1), Agricultural / Residential (A-1 and A2) and Residential (R-3).

Approx. Acreage	Zoning (Predominant)	Predominant Land Use
125	Agricultural/Residential (A-1)	Active and closed gravel mine.
98	Manufacturing (M-1)	Active and closed gravel mine.
15	Manufacturing (M-1)	Vacant commercial land
87	Manufacturing (M-1)	Active and closed gravel mine.
124	Manufacturing (M-1)	Tobacco farming / forestry
119	Manufacturing (M-1)	Tobacco farming

Figure 1-1. A portion of the reclaimed gravel mine property with 115 kV electrical lines in background and Gravel Pit Solar's temporary weather station in the foreground.



1-2. Please identify any permits, environmental or otherwise, that Gravel Pit will have to obtain.

Response:

The project will require a Connecticut Siting Council Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, or, a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The project will also require authorization under the Connecticut General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities.

The project may also require a Connecticut DOT Encroachment Permit other ministerial building permits or authorizations obtained in the ordinary course.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on March 26, 2020, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List by electronic mail and copies to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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