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Chairperson Margaret Curran
Commissioner Marion Gold
Commissioner Abigail Anthony
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: Letter of Support for Gravel Pit Solar II filing by National Grid in Docket No. 5011

Dear Chairperson Curran and Commissioners Gold and Anthony:

I understand that the Narragansett Electric Co., d/b/a National Grid has filed a contract between itself and Gravel Pit Solar II, LLC ("Gravel Pit") for review and approval by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") under Docket No. 5011. Pascoag Utility District ("PUD") wishes to express its support for the filing by National Grid and PUC approval of this very cost-beneficial power purchase agreement, which was awarded as a result of the request for proposals for long-term contracts for renewable energy issued on September 12, 2018 ("RFP").

This large-scale solar project recently entered into power purchase agreements with National Grid, PUD and Block Island Utility District, and through these agreements the three electric distribution utilities will enjoy renewable energy and renewable energy credits ("RECs") for the next 20 years at the extremely attractive price of 5.3 cents/kWh. This carbon-free renewable project is projected to save Rhode Island consumers more than \$30 million in energy costs and lead to a \$300,000 investment in clean energy workforce initiatives.

PUD believes the solicitation process was well executed and that the negotiation process subsequent to determination of the winner of the RFP was robust and protective of our electric consumers in Rhode Island, and will bring renewable energy to our consumers at a very cost-competitive price.

PUD fully supports approval by the Commission of this beneficial power purchase agreement.

Very truly yours;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Kirkwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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