

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Rhode Island Division of  
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September 17, 2010

Mr. Thomas R. Teehan, Esq.  
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Narragansett Electric Company  
280 Melrose Street  
Providence, RI 02907

**Re: Complaint of Benjamin Riggs relating to The Town of Portsmouth Wind  
Generator Facility-Net Metering Docket No. D-10-126**

Dear Mr. Teehan:

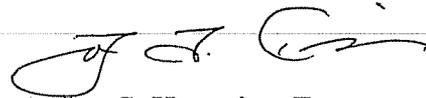
As you are aware, on or about May 24, 2010, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) received a complaint from Mr. Benjamin Riggs regarding the net metering treatment afforded the Town of Portsmouth wind generating facility located near the Portsmouth High School (the "Complaint"). The Division undertook a review of the Complaint of Mr. Riggs pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-4-13. On September 3, 2010, Narragansett Electric (Narragansett) responded in writing (the "Response") to the Division regarding the Complaint. The Division is of the opinion that there are sufficient facts to warrant a formal investigation of what it deems are unresolved issues associated with the Complaint, and also with respect to Narragansett's interpretation of the statutes which address net metering. Narragansett's Response sought an administrative process to ensure that net metering in Rhode Island functions to the benefit of all customers and in accordance with federal law. To that end, the Division believes it has jurisdiction over this matter.

I am therefore notifying Narragansett that in accordance with the provisions of R.I. Gen Laws § 39-4-14, the Division after summary investigation is satisfied that sufficient grounds exist to warrant a formal investigation including whether the Portsmouth Wind Generator Facility is subject to net metering under the Rhode Island General Laws or qualifies as a wholesale generator together with any other issue the Division deems appropriate arising out of the Complaint and Narragansett's Response. The Division has directed the Clerk to open a docket in this regard pursuant to R.I. Gen Laws §§ 39-4-10, 39-4-13 and 39-4-14. The Division Clerk has assigned docket number D-10-126 to the matter and she will address future scheduling matters as they develop.

Finally, the Division will determine, should a similar situation present itself, the appropriate course of action on the part of the utility.

If you should have any questions kindly contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Hagopian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jon G. Hagopian, Esq.  
Counsel for the  
Division of Public Utilities  
and Carriers

cc: Thomas Ahern, Administrator