

GEORGE W. WATSON III

One Financial Plaza, 14th Floor  
Providence, RI 02903-2485  
Main (401) 709-3300  
Fax (401) 709-3399  
gwatson@rc.com  
Direct (401) 709-3351

Also admitted in Massachusetts,  
Connecticut and Vermont

May 12, 2023

**VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Emma Rodvien  
EFSB Coordinator  
RI Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket No. SB-2021-04 – Narragansett Electric Company Aquidneck Island  
Gas Reliability Project Old Mill Lane, Portsmouth, Rhode Island  
Motion to Extend the Deadline to Submit Advisory Opinions**

Dear Emma:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company (the “Company”), I have enclosed the Company’s Motion to Extend the Deadline to Submit Advisory Opinions to the Energy Facility Siting Board in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (401) 709-3351.

Sincerely,



George W. Watson III

Enclosures

cc: Docket SB-2021-04 Service List

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate were electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



Heidi J. Seddon

May 12, 2023

Date

**SB-2021-04 The Narragansett Electric Company's Application for a License to Mobilize and Operate a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vaporization Facility at Old Mill Lane (Portsmouth, RI)**

**Updated February 24, 2023**

<b>Name</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Ronald Gerwatowski (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Ronald.gerwatowski@puc.ri.gov">Ronald.gerwatowski@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Terry Gray (DEM)	<a href="mailto:terry.gray@dem.ri.gov">terry.gray@dem.ri.gov</a> ;
Meredith Brady (DOA)	<a href="mailto:Meredith.Brady@doa.ri.gov">Meredith.Brady@doa.ri.gov</a> ;
Patricia Lucarelli (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Patricia.lucarelli@puc.ri.gov">Patricia.lucarelli@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Libby Kimzey (DOA)	<a href="mailto:libby.l.kimzey@doa.ri.gov">libby.l.kimzey@doa.ri.gov</a> ;
Emma Rodvien (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Emma.Rodvien@puc.ri.gov">Emma.Rodvien@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Suzanne Amerault (DEM)	<a href="mailto:Suzanne.amerault@dem.ri.gov">Suzanne.amerault@dem.ri.gov</a> ;
Maria Mignanelli (DOA)	<a href="mailto:Maria.mignanelli@doa.ri.gov">Maria.mignanelli@doa.ri.gov</a> ;
George Watson (Robinson Cole)	<a href="mailto:gwatson@rc.com">gwatson@rc.com</a> ;
Leticia Pimentel (Robinson Cole)	<a href="mailto:LPimentel@rc.com">LPimentel@rc.com</a> ;
Steven Boyajian (Robinson Cole)	<a href="mailto:SBoyajian@rc.com">SBoyajian@rc.com</a> ;
Ronald Reybitz (PPL)	<a href="mailto:RJReybitz@pplweb.com">RJReybitz@pplweb.com</a> ;
Celia O'Brien (PPL)	<a href="mailto:COBrien@pplweb.com">COBrien@pplweb.com</a> ;
Joanne Scanlon (PPL)	<a href="mailto:jscanlon@pplweb.com">jscanlon@pplweb.com</a> ;
Nicholas Ucci (RIE)	<a href="mailto:NSUcci@RIEnergy.com">NSUcci@RIEnergy.com</a> ;
Linda George (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:Linda.George@dpuc.ri.gov">Linda.George@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Thomas Kogut (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:thomas.kogut@dpuc.ri.gov">thomas.kogut@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Christy Hetherington (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:christy.hetherington@dpuc.ri.gov">christy.hetherington@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;

John Bell (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:john.bell@dpuc.ri.gov">john.bell@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Margaret Hogan (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:Margaret.L.Hogan@dpuc.ri.gov">Margaret.L.Hogan@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Al Mancini (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:al.mancini@dpuc.ri.gov">al.mancini@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Paul Roberti (DPUC)	<a href="mailto:Paul.Roberti@dpuc.ri.gov">Paul.Roberti@dpuc.ri.gov</a> ;
Tiffany Parenteau (AG)	<a href="mailto:TParenteau@riag.ri.gov">TParenteau@riag.ri.gov</a> ;
Todd Bianco (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Todd.bianco@puc.ri.gov">Todd.bianco@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Cynthia Wilson-Frias (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Cynthia.WilsonFrias@puc.ri.gov">Cynthia.WilsonFrias@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
John Harrington (PUC)	<a href="mailto:John.Harrington@puc.ri.gov">John.Harrington@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Alan Nault (PUC)	<a href="mailto:Alan.Nault@puc.ri.gov">Alan.Nault@puc.ri.gov</a> ;
Nicholas Vaz (AG)	<a href="mailto:NVaz@riag.ri.gov">NVaz@riag.ri.gov</a> ;
Alison Hoffman (AG)	<a href="mailto:ahoffman@riag.ri.gov">ahoffman@riag.ri.gov</a> ;
Ellen Golde (AG)	<a href="mailto:EGolde@riag.ri.gov">EGolde@riag.ri.gov</a> ;
Meg Curran (CLF)	<a href="mailto:mcurran@clf.org">mcurran@clf.org</a> ;
James Crowley (CLF)	<a href="mailto:jcrowley@clf.org">jcrowley@clf.org</a> ;
David Hill (Energy Futures Group)	<a href="mailto:dhill@energyfuturesgroup.com">dhill@energyfuturesgroup.com</a> ;
Earnest White (Energy Futures Group)	<a href="mailto:ewhite@energyfuturesgroup.com">ewhite@energyfuturesgroup.com</a> ;
Amy Boyd (Acadia Center)	<a href="mailto:aboyd@acadiacenter.org">aboyd@acadiacenter.org</a> ;
Jennifer West (Town Clerk, Portsmouth)	<a href="mailto:clerkoffice@portsmouthri.com">clerkoffice@portsmouthri.com</a> ;
Richard Rainer, Jr. (Town Administrator, Portsmouth)	<a href="mailto:rrainer@portsmouthri.com">rrainer@portsmouthri.com</a> ;
Kevin Gavin (Town Solicitor, Portsmouth)	<a href="mailto:kevingavinlaw@gmail.com">kevingavinlaw@gmail.com</a> ;
Wendy Marshall (Town Clerk, Middletown)	<a href="mailto:wmarshall@middletownri.com">wmarshall@middletownri.com</a> ;
Marisa Desautel	<a href="mailto:Marisa@desautelesq.com">Marisa@desautelesq.com</a> ;
Michele Dewey	<a href="mailto:mdewey@desautelesq.com">mdewey@desautelesq.com</a> ;
Terence Tierney	<a href="mailto:Tierneylaw@yahoo.com">Tierneylaw@yahoo.com</a> ;
Teresa Monterey (Portsmouth Zoning Board)	<a href="mailto:tmonterey@portsmouthri.com">tmonterey@portsmouthri.com</a> ;
Gareth Eames (Portsmouth Building Official)	<a href="mailto:geames@portsmouthri.com">geames@portsmouthri.com</a> ;
Charlotte Taylor (RI Historical Preservation and Heritage commission)	<a href="mailto:Charlotte.Taylor@preservation.ri.gov">Charlotte.Taylor@preservation.ri.gov</a> ;
Elizabeth Totten (RI Historical Preservation and Heritage commission)	<a href="mailto:elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov">elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov</a> ;

Paul Rodrigues (Portsmouth Department of Public Works)	<a href="mailto:prodrigues@portsmouthri.gov">prodrigues@portsmouthri.gov</a> ;
Brian Woodhead (Portsmouth Department of Public Works)	<a href="mailto:bwoodhead@portsmouthri.gov">bwoodhead@portsmouthri.gov</a> ;
Christina Hoefsmit (RI DEM)	<a href="mailto:Christina.Hoefsmit@dem.ri.gov">Christina.Hoefsmit@dem.ri.gov</a> ;
Jason McNamee (RI DEM)	<a href="mailto:Jason.mcnamee@dem.ri.gov">Jason.mcnamee@dem.ri.gov</a> ;
Leon Lesinski (Portsmouth Planning Commission)	<a href="mailto:llesinski@portsmouthri.com">llesinski@portsmouthri.com</a> ;
Lea Hitchen (Town Planner, Portsmouth)	<a href="mailto:lhitchen@portsmouthri.gov">lhitchen@portsmouthri.gov</a> ;
Roberta Groch (Division of Statewide Planning)	<a href="mailto:Roberta.Groch@doa.ri.gov">Roberta.Groch@doa.ri.gov</a> ;
Mary Rose Pellegrino (Department of Administration)	<a href="mailto:maryrose.pellegrino@doa.ri.gov">maryrose.pellegrino@doa.ri.gov</a> ;
Michael Byrns (RI DOH)	<a href="mailto:michael.byrns@health.ri.gov">michael.byrns@health.ri.gov</a> ;
Christopher Kearns (OER)	<a href="mailto:Christopher.Kearns@energy.ri.gov">Christopher.Kearns@energy.ri.gov</a> ;
Anika Kreckel (OER)	<a href="mailto:anika.kreckel.ctr@energy.ri.gov">anika.kreckel.ctr@energy.ri.gov</a> ;
RI Senator Luis DiPalma	<a href="mailto:Sen-DiPalma@rilegislature.gov">Sen-DiPalma@rilegislature.gov</a> ;
Peter Horvath	<a href="mailto:Pjh11503@yahoo.com">Pjh11503@yahoo.com</a> ;
Sue McDonald	<a href="mailto:sue@anglesandinsights.com">sue@anglesandinsights.com</a> ;
Steven MacDonald	<a href="mailto:Semaacdona124@outlook.com">Semaacdona124@outlook.com</a> ;
Laurie MacDonald	<a href="mailto:Macdonalds6@cox.net">Macdonalds6@cox.net</a> ;
Lawrence Silvia	<a href="mailto:watchesetc@cox.net">watchesetc@cox.net</a> ;
Ed Sisk	<a href="mailto:ed@xlnorth.com">ed@xlnorth.com</a> ;
Jeff Loiter (NARUC)	<a href="mailto:jeff.loiter@gmail.com">jeff.loiter@gmail.com</a> ;

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC        :**  
**COMPANY AQUIDNECK ISLAND                :**  
**GAS RELIABILITY PROJECT                 :**       **DOCKET NO. SB-2021-04**  
**OLD MILL LANE, PORTSMOUTH               :**  
**RHODE ISLAND                                :**

**MOTION OF THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ADVISORY OPINIONS TO THE  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

Now comes The Narragansett Electric Company (the “Company”) and hereby moves that the Energy Facility Siting Board (“EFSB” or the “Board”) grant a two-month extension, as permitted by EFSB’s Rules of Practice and Procedure Section 1.18, of the deadline to file Advisory Opinions with the EFSB, as detailed in the EFSB’s Preliminary Decision and Order (Order No. 156) issued on October 19, 2022, and as extended to June 5, 2023, on January 17, 2023, following the Company’s Motion to Extend the Deadline to Submit Advisory Opinions to the Energy Facility Siting Board dated January 6, 2023. If this motion is granted, the new deadline would be August 4, 2023.

The Aquidneck Island Gas Reliability Project (the “Project”) is the operation of portable liquefied natural gas equipment at 111 Old Mill Lane, Portsmouth, Rhode Island (the “Property”) as a supply backup to the natural gas distribution system on Aquidneck Island. The Project primarily will be operated seasonally during winter months, but it will also be mobilized as needed to backup the gas supply during maintenance activities performed by the natural gas transmission company. A crucial component of the Project is the proposed site work at the Property, which is needed for a more efficient operational layout. Additionally, the proposed

layout is expected to reduce the impacts to the surrounding neighbors by providing better sound and visual mitigation. As noted in the Project Siting Report filed with the EFSB, the Project requires the following permits and approvals from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (“RIDEM”): freshwater wetland permit, approval of the pollutant discharge elimination system, and a water quality certification. The RIDEM permits and approvals are not subject to the EFSB’s jurisdiction.

The Company’s license application for the Project was docketed by the EFSB on May 26, 2022. On October 19, 2022, the EFSB issued its Preliminary Decision and Order (Order No. 156), which directs local and state agencies to submit advisory opinions to the EFSB on or before April 5, 2023. Following the issuance of the Order, the Company has pursued its pending applications before the designated state and local agencies.

The Company submitted its application for the RIDEM permits on June 28, 2022. Subsequently, the Company has revised the site layout and engineering (“Revised Layout”) for the Project in response to correspondence from RIDEM dated December 12, 2022. The Company requested a pause on some of the proceedings before state and local agencies designed to provide advisory opinions (“Designated Agencies”) because the site layout was a factor in their approval process. Now that the Revised Layout is completed, the Company has notified the Designated Agencies that it is ready to continue the proceedings using the Revised Layout; however, the Company is aware that some of the Designated Agencies will be unable to meet the current June 5 deadline for submitting advisory opinions to the Board. Therefore, the Company respectfully requests an extension of the deadline to provide additional time for state and local agencies charged with issuing advisory opinions to the EFSB to complete their review of the Project and the new Revised Layout.

As noted in the Company's previous request for an extension of the deadline, the Revised Layout has not changed the Company's assessment of the need for the Project, and the Revised Layout is not expected to increase the estimated cost for the site improvements to the Property.

Accordingly, the Company requests that the Board extend the deadline for the state and local agencies to submit their advisory opinions to August 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

By its attorney,



---

George W. Watson, III (#8825)  
Robinson & Cole, LLP  
One Financial Plaza, 14th Floor  
Providence, RI 02903-2485  
Tel. (401) 709-3351  
Fax. (401) 709-3399  
[gwatson@rc.com](mailto:gwatson@rc.com)

Dated: May 12, 2023