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Via email: emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov

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Re: RIHPHC Project No. 17034
Docket No. SB-2021-04
The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
Application for a License to Mobilize and Operate a Liquefied Natural Gas Vaporization
Facility at Old Mill Lane
Portsmouth, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Rodvien:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that your agency provided for the above-referenced application. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid is applying for a license to mobilize and operate a liquefied natural gas vaporization facility at Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth. It is the RIHPHC's understanding that a temporary facility exists at this location.

The project site was studied as part of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Line project at which time the cultural resources consultant determined that the project site had no/low archaeological sensitivity and no further cultural resources investigations were recommended; we concurred with this assessment at the project site. In the April 2022 "Aquidneck Island Gas Reliability Project" siting report, the consultant identified three inventoried historic cemeteries, three pre-contact archaeological sites, and one demolished historic homestead within the area of potential effect (APE) for indirect effects (the APE for direct effects was studied in the Algonquin Gas Transmission Line Project as mentioned above). The consultant recommends that the facility will have no effect on these historic properties. Based upon our review of available information, the RIHPHC concurs with this determination.

These comments are provided in accordance with the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Act and Rhode Island General Laws. If you have any questions, please contact RIHPHC Project Review Coordinator Elizabeth Totten at 401-222-2671 or elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov.

Sincerely,


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Jeffrey Emidy
Executive Director/Interim State Historic Preservation Officer