

Via FedEx and electronic mail

October 3, 2023

Emma Rodvien, Coordinator
Energy Facility Siting Board
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Re: EFSB Docket SB-2021-04
Notice to the EFSB Regarding Off-hour Arrival of Rented LNG Equipment
111 Old Mill Lane, Portsmouth, Rhode Island (the “Property”)

Dear Ms. Rodvien:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize two events involving trucking companies’ noncompliance with the Company’s¹ instructions during delivery of the leased liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) equipment to the Property. The failure to conform to the Company’s instructions resulted in leased LNG equipment arriving at the Property outside of the permitted delivery window of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A summary of each event is below.

- September 25, 2023 – At approximately 10:00 PM, a delivery trailer arrived at the Property. The security guard opened the gate and allowed the driver to park the vehicle on the site with its engine turned off.
- September 26, 2023 – At approximately 5:00 AM, a delivery trailer arrived at the Property and remained parked on Old Mill Lane, in front of the Property. At approximately 8:30 AM, the equipment provider told the driver to leave the area and find another location to park until a later arriving trailer was placed in position on the site. The later arriving trailer needed to be positioned on the site before the early arriving trailer could be admitted. Both trailers were eventually delivered on Friday during permitted hours.

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company (the “Company”).

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As of the afternoon of September 27, 2023, all of the equipment trailers were positioned onsite. As noted in the Company's filings in this docket, deliveries are only supposed to occur between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM with instructions to drivers that delivery trucks should be parked offsite if they will arrive outside of the approved delivery window. These instructions are in place because the equipment is often traveling from far away, and it can be difficult to pinpoint an exact arrival time. For example, this year some of the equipment was transported from Alabama, Connecticut, Tennessee, and Texas. The delivery instructions were provided to the contractor supplying the equipment who in turn provided the delivery instructions to the trucking company that it hired to deliver the equipment to the Property. These instructions, however, were not followed last week by two drivers for the trucking company.

The Company does not expect any future issues with equipment delivery because all equipment is now onsite. The remaining setup work includes configuring the LNG equipment and the delivery of glycol and LNG. The Company does not expect any issues with the delivery of glycol and LNG because it is using a local trucking company that has been very reliable and dependable in the past. The LNG deliveries are scheduled for the week of October 9.

The Company also would like to provide notice of a recent event at Old Mill Lane that was not related to the LNG operation. On the morning of October 3, 2023, the Company received notice of the strong smell of gas on Old Mill Lane. After immediate inspection by the Portsmouth Fire Department and the Company, it was determined that there was no methane in the air. The smell was identified as coming from a small leak in the gate station's odorant system. The leak was immediately repaired by the contractor who manages the odorant system.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



George W. Watson III

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Heidi J. Seddon

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)

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