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Re: **Docket No. SB-2008-02**  
**In re: The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid**  
**(Rhode Island Reliability Project)**

Dear Nick:

I am enclosing for filing an original and seven (7) copies of National Grid's Responses to the EFSB's 1<sup>st</sup> Set of Data Requests in the above referenced matter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and the Testimony and return them to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Peter V. Lacouture

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**In re: The Narragansett Electric** :  
**Company d/b/a National Grid** : **Docket No. SB-2008-02**  
**Rhode Island Reliability Project** :

National Grid's Responses to the  
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REQUEST EFSB 1-1:

Should the project be approved, please describe National Grid's ("NGrid" or the Company) intentions for cost recovery. Does the Company intend to file or has it filed for regional treatment as a PTF and has it or will it seek regional cost socialization through the RNS rate? If applicable, please provide the Board with an estimated timeline as to when these activities have taken place or are expected to take place in relation to the project's construction timeline.

RESPONSE:

The Rhode Island Reliability Project is one of four interrelated projects developed as a result of the New England East West Solution (NEEWS) Study. The four projects involve transmission system improvements to be made by National Grid and Northeast Utilities. Since the projects primarily involve construction of PTF facilities, National Grid (and Northeast Utilities) believe that the NEEWS collection of projects will qualify for regional cost recovery.

Under Schedule 12C of the ISO New England Open Access Transmission Tariff, transmission owners are required to submit a Transmission Cost Allocation (TCA) application whereby ISO New England determines whether all or a portion of a PTF transmission project qualifies for regional rate treatment. In the TCA approval process, the ISO reviews project costs to determine whether there are any "localized" costs that exceed reasonable requirements for regional Transmission Upgrades as a means to ensure that only appropriate costs are included as regional costs or "PTF" for regional rate recovery purposes. TCA approval can be requested at various times in a project's lifecycle. It is National Grid's intent to request TCA approval following the completion of licensing and siting activities for the Project. We believe that the Project, as proposed, will fully qualify for ISO NE approval to be included in regional transmission rates.

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REQUEST EFSB 1-2:

In NGrid's response to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' ("DPUC") first set of data requests 1-8 (March 6, 2009), the Company states that the approximate cost of \$270M represents 42.59% of NGrid's total share of NEEWS for this project. The Company then calculates an approximate consumer cost of \$0.00038 per kWh, or \$0.20 per month to the average 500 kWh customer. Does this approximate cost to the average residential customer take into account the potential regional socialization of this project under RSN treatment, or do the values in the Company's response to 1-8 assume all project costs will be born by RI ratepayers?

RESPONSE:

The estimated cost to the average residential customer included in the Company's response to DPUC 1-8, assumes that the cost of this project would be allocated to the New England region under the RNS transmission rate.

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REQUEST EFSB 1-3:

If the approximate cost cited in data request EFSB-[1-2] does not account for cost socialization, what would the approximate cost be to the average residential customer if the Company does indeed intend to file and is approved for cost socialization through the RNS rate for this project?

RESPONSE:

Please see our response to EFSB 1-2 above.

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