

February 25, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 2509 – Storm Contingency Fund
November 27, 2013 Storm**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I respectfully request an extension of time to submit the Company's 90 day-event report in connection with the November 27, 2013 storm event (the "November 27, 2013 Storm" or the "storm"), which would otherwise be due on February 25, 2014 pursuant to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("PUC") Order No. 15360 (August 19, 1997) and paragraph 4(b) of the Joint Proposal and Settlement In Lieu of Comments Submitted by The Narragansett Electric Company and The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Settlement") approved by the PUC in Docket 2509.

Pursuant to the Settlement, the Company is required to submit a 90-day event report after the occurrence of a storm that qualifies for inclusion in the Storm Fund. The Company's Storm Fund was established to provide a mechanism for recovering storm restoration expenses as a result of extraordinary storms without the need to file for rate surcharges or periodic rate relief. For any storm for which the Company incurs incremental operation and maintenance ("O&M") storm-related costs above the applicable dollar threshold amount, the Company is authorized to charge the Storm Fund for these expense amounts above the per-storm deductible amount of \$375,000. The threshold amount for calendar year 2013 is \$796,000.²

With respect to the November 27, 2013 Storm, as of this date preliminary O&M storm-related costs have not reached the \$796,000 threshold required to qualify for inclusion in the Storm Fund; however, although the Company believes all outstanding invoices from its third-party contractors are accounted for, the Company is still reviewing whether there will be other costs for inclusion. Therefore, the Company is unable as of this date to determine whether or not this storm will likely qualify for inclusion in the Storm Fund. For this reason, the Company seeks an extension of time to submit its 90-day event report for the November 27, 2013 Storm until such time as it can determine whether the storm has met the \$796,000 threshold. The Company recognizes the open-ended nature of this request and, in order to better assist the PUC, the Company will provide 30-day status updates to the PUC regarding the Company's determination of whether the November 27, 2013 Storm meets the \$796,000 threshold for inclusion in the Storm

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (referred to herein as "National Grid" or the "Company").

² See Attachment 1 of National Grid's Storm Fund Report for Calendar Year 2012 filed on April 1, 2013.

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Fund. In the event that the November 27, 2013 Storm meets this threshold, the Company will also notify the PUC of the date by which it expects to be able to submit the 90-day event report.

The Company is simultaneously submitting a copy of this request to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers pursuant to Order No. 20814 in Docket D-11-94.

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7288.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosures

cc: Docket 2509 Service List
Docket D-11-94 Service List
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Certificate of Service

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

Copies of this filing were hand delivered to the RI Public Utilities Commission and to the RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



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