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

**RE: Docket No. 4056 -Tariff Advice Filing to Amend R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS No. 101
To Eliminate Non-Firm Sales Service and Update Transportation
Service Agreement**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

National Grid ("Company") files this letter in reply to the comment filed late yesterday by The Energy Council of Rhode Island ("TEC-RI") in the above captioned matter. In its comments, TEC-RI questions whether the Commission has sufficient information to "...justify the Company's claim that no current non-firm customer using sales service will be harmed ..." by the elimination of non-firm sales service. (TEC-RI Comments at 2). To that end , TEC-RI maintains that the Company should have polled existing customers, rather than marketers, to determine this issue. (TEC-RI Comments at 3) While National Grid disagrees that polling existing non-firm sales customers will provide the Commission with relevant information as to possible customer harm, in order to ensure the Commission that no existing non-firm sales customer will be harmed by the Company's proposal, National Grid would offer the following modifications to its filing.

Specifically, National Grid is willing to amend its tariff proposal to provide that non-firm sales service will be grandfathered as of June 1, 2009 and that any non-firm sales customer as of that date will be grandfathered until such time that the non-firm sales customer decides to change to firm service or obtain transportation service from a third-party marketer. This amendment will protect the option of maintaining non-firm sales service for existing customers, thus ensuring no harm, and place the timing of any decision to eliminate non-firm sales for those existing customers on those customers. The Company believes that this modification addresses the concerns raised by TEC-RI and if approved by the Commission, the Company will file an amended tariff within two business days.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please feel free to contact me or Peter Czekanski at (401) 784-7501.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Teehan

cc: Docket 4056 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 has been electronically transmitted, sent via U.S. mail or hand-delivered to the individuals listed below.



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May 28, 2009
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**National Grid Gas (NGrid) – Tariff Advice to Amend RIPUC NG-Gas No. 101, NFS
Docket No. 4056 - Service List as of 5/6/09**

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