

June 10, 2010

**VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02889

**RE: Docket 4150 - Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy Projects  
Response to Record Request**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I have enclosed ten (10) copies of National Grid's<sup>1</sup> Response to the Record Request that was issued at the Commission's evidentiary hearing held on June 1, 2010, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Teehan

Enclosure

cc: Docket 4150 Service List  
Leo Wold, Esq.  
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<sup>1</sup> Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or the "Company")

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I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and/or any materials accompanying this certificate were electronically and/or sent via U.S. Mail to the individuals listed below. Ten (10) copies of this filing were hand delivered to the RI Public Utilities Commission.



June 10, 2010

Joanne M. Scanlon  
National Grid

Date

**Docket No. 4150 National Grid – Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Projects Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Section 39-26.1 et seq.  
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Record Request

Request:

With respect to section 2.2.3.2 of the RFP, please indicate the following:

- (a) Should a reasonable project schedule continue to rely on fixed dates as are currently contained in the RFP, or should it instead be calculated as a period of time after signing a contract?
- (b) Should the determination of a reasonable project schedule be technology dependent?

Response:

- (a) To provide for ease of use from year to year, the Company recommends that the project schedule should be adjusted to be calculated as a period of time after signing. In evaluating whether a project has a reasonable schedule, the RFP schedule will be used to project the time of contract execution from the issuance of the RFP. Specifically, project schedules should provide for
  - i. closing of construction financing and commencement of construction within 2 years, and
  - ii. for commercial operation within 5 years
- (b) That determination should be technology based. An exception to the above is reasonable for solar projects only. Solar projects should have schedules that provide for commercial operation within 24 months.

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