

**NATIONAL GRID - GAS**  
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**BEFORE THE**  
**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**TESTIMONY OF DAVID J. EFFRON**

**ON BEHALF OF THE**

**DIVISION OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

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1 **I. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. My name is David J. Effron. My business address is 12 Pond Path, North Hampton,  
4 New Hampshire, 03862.

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6 Q. What is your present occupation?

7 A. I am a consultant specializing in utility regulation.

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9 Q. Please summarize your professional experience.

10 A. My professional career includes over twenty-five years as a regulatory consultant, two  
11 years as a supervisor of capital investment analysis and controls at Gulf & Western  
12 Industries and two years at Touche Ross & Co. as a consultant and staff auditor. I am a  
13 Certified Public Accountant and I have served as an instructor in the business program  
14 at Western Connecticut State College.

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16 Q. What experience do you have in the area of utility rate setting proceedings?

17 A. I have analyzed numerous electric, gas, telephone, and water filings in different  
18 jurisdictions. Pursuant to those analyses I have prepared testimony, assisted attorneys  
19 in case preparation, and provided assistance during settlement negotiations with various  
20 utility companies.

21 I have testified in over two hundred cases before regulatory commissions in  
22 Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky,  
23 Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota,

1 Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and  
2 Washington.

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4 Q. Please describe your other work experience.

5 A. As a supervisor of capital investment analysis at Gulf & Western Industries, I was  
6 responsible for reports and analyses concerning capital spending programs, including  
7 project analysis, formulation of capital budgets, establishment of accounting  
8 procedures, monitoring capital spending and administration of the leasing program. At  
9 Touche Ross & Co., I was an associate consultant in management services for one year  
10 and a staff auditor for one year.

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12 Q. Have you earned any distinctions as a Certified Public Accountant?

13 A. Yes. I received the Gold Charles Waldo Haskins Memorial Award for the highest  
14 scores in the May 1974 certified public accounting examination in New York State.

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16 Q. Please describe your educational background.

17 A. I have a Bachelor's degree in Economics (with distinction) from Dartmouth College  
18 and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Columbia University

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20 **II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

21 Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?

22 A. I am testifying on behalf of the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers  
23 ("the Division").

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2 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

3 A. On August 1, 2011, National Grid - Gas (“the Company”) submitted its 2011  
4 Distribution Adjustment Clause Filing (“DAC”), and supplemented that filing on  
5 September 13, 2011. I have reviewed the Pension and Postretirement Benefits  
6 Reconciliation, Capital Expenditures Tracker, and Earnings Sharing Mechanism  
7 components of the DAC. I have reviewed the Company’s testimony and exhibits,  
8 including the updates, supplements and corrections to the original filing, and I have  
9 analyzed the Company’s reconciliations of those components. I have also reviewed  
10 the responses to Division data requests on those matters.

11 At the time of the preparation of this testimony, the Company had not  
12 responded to all of the data requests submitted by the Division. However, based on  
13 my review and analysis of the materials to date, I am not proposing any  
14 modifications to the Company’s presentation of the Pension and Postretirement  
15 Benefits Reconciliation, Capital Expenditures Tracker, or Earnings Sharing  
16 Mechanism.

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18 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

19 A. Yes.