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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL:

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RE: Commission's First Set of Data Requests Directed to Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (July 10, 2014) (Docket 4288)

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Standard Contract Board ("Board") is an original and ten (10) copies of Commission's First Set of Data Requests Directed to Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (07-10-14).

Electronic copies of the filing were sent to all persons named on the attached Service List. Thank you for your assistance.

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Enclosure

c. Docket 4288 Service List

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: RI OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES'
BUDGET REQUEST TO PERFORM CEILING PRICE
SERVICES FOR THE 2015 RENEWABLE ENERGY
GROWTH PROGRAM

DOCKET NO. 4288

COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUEST DIRECTED TO R.I. OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES (July 10, 2014)

1. If approved, from what funding source will OER withdraw the \$65,000 to pay the consultant and other costs to implement the REG?

The funding would be provided by National Grid to the Distributed Generation Board to pay for the consultant to perform the ceiling price services. The funding provided would then be recovered by National Grid through the rate reconciliation process established by R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-25. The OER is requesting a budget of \$65,000, but the actual cost for the consultant depends on the cost proposals received from consultants.

2. Will the consultant's term of services be from September of 2014 through March 2015, as reflected on the RFP (p.8)? If not, what term of service or period of time is the \$65,000 intended to cover?

Yes. The term requested would be for the consultant's services approximately between September 2014 and March 2015.

3. Does OER have a proposed contract it intends to execute with the consultant? If so, please provide a full and complete copy of the contract.

Similar to the agreement for previous years, the OER intends to utilize the State's General Conditions of Purchase, available at http://www.purchasing.ri.gov, along with incorporating the requirements and the scope of work from the request for proposal document, along with the consultant's proposal.

The Purchase Order number is 3340541 for the 2014 ceiling prices services performed. Information regarding that payment process can be available at http://www.ripay.ri.gov/POPaymentSearch.aspx and the release numbers are 1-5.

4. If a contract is not available, how and when will the consultant be paid, i.e. monthly or upon completion of services?

The consultant will be paid upon completion of each phase of the scope of work within the RFP. The payments may occur on a monthly basis between October and March.

5. If approved, explain the impact of §39-26.6-4(b) on the within budget of \$65,000. Will National Grid recover the sum of \$65,000 from ratepayers? If yes, explain the rationale behind allowing National Grid to recover monies expended by OER. If no, explain what is meant by the following provision:

The cost of such studies shall be recoverable through the rate reconciliation provisions of the electric distribution company set forth in §39-26.6-25, subject to commission approval. § R.I.G.L. 39-26.6-4(b).

National Grid would recover the sum of \$65,000 from ratepayers through the reconciliation mechanism established in R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-25. Based on the language of the statute, this is the intent of the Renewable Energy Growth law, in order for the ceiling price services to be performed for the annual program.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July, 16, 2014, this original document was filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and true copies were sent by electronic mail to the service list.

Daniel W. Mozen

Docket No. 4288 – Office of Energy Resources Filings: 1) Proposed Distributed Generation (DG) Standard Contract Act Classes and Ceiling Prices; and 2) Proposed DG Standard Contract; and

Docket No. 4277 – National Grid National Grid – Distributed Generation Enrollment Application & Enrollment Process Rules

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