



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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MEMORANDUM

To: Adam Ramos, Esq., Raquel Webster, Esq., Seth Handy, Esq., Leo Wold, Esq.
Cc: Docket No. 4513 Service List
From: Cynthia Wilson-Frias
Date: April 8, 2015
Re: Docket No. 4315 – Revised Meter Pilot

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is in receipt of National Grid's revised meter pilot proposal and the Municipalities' objection to same. Before reaching a decision on whether or not a hearing will be necessary, the PUC requires filings from the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) and Office of Energy Resources (OER).

Specifically, the PUC requests a position from the Division on the proposed scope of the pilot and whether it is biased toward ultimate meter ownership by the utility. Could limitations to the pilot, as proposed by the Municipalities, adequately assess "meter accuracy, ability to integrate with the billing system [even if the utility does not own the meters], and a comparison to the unmetered rates"? If not, please opine on why all DOT projects and municipality involvement is necessary.

Specifically, the PUC requests the OER clarify its position on the proposed pilot. National Grid's filing letter states: "the League, WCRPC, [collectively, Municipalities] and OER remain in disagreement on two aspects of the pilot: (1) the inclusion of a municipal customer in the pilot; and (2) the method of cost recovery." The Municipalities' objection is greater in scope than these two elements. Therefore, please clarify OER's position in this matter. The PUC also requests a position from OER on whether the pilot is biased toward ultimate meter ownership by the utility.

Please make these filings no later than **April 30, 2015**.