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MEMORANDUM

To: Service List from Docket No. 4442
From: Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Senior Legal Counsel
Date: July 25, 2014
Re: Docket No. 4513 – In re: Proceeding to Establish a Pilot Metering Program for Municipal-Owned Streetlights

At its Open Meeting today, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) opened a docket to establish a pilot metering program for municipal-owned streetlights. It has been assigned Docket No. 4513. Parties to Docket No. 4442 will be automatic parties to this docket simply by notifying the PUC Clerk, with no need to file a formal Motion to Intervene.

National Grid was ordered to engage the municipalities as part of the development of the pilot in order to appropriately identify those that may be ready, willing, and able to proceed with participation and as necessary to identify the types of meters that may be appropriate for the pilot. The proposed pilot shall include evidence that National Grid did engage the municipalities.

A proposed pilot shall be filed by National Grid within 90 days from today, October 23, 2014.

The proposal should not assume meter ownership on the part of either party, but should, at a minimum, address the technical issues that would need to be addressed, such as interfacing with National Grid's billing system, the types of meters that would be compatible, and access issues. The PUC notes that customer-owned meters do exist in Rhode Island under approved tariffs/terms and conditions. While reasonable to aspire to having municipalities in different geographic areas participate in the pilot, this should not be a barrier to entry for municipalities up to the participation rate. The goals of the pilot should, at a minimum, address meter accuracy, integration with the billing system, a comparison to the unmetered rates, and cost allocation.

Comments on the proposed pilot will be received from the parties on a date to be determined based on party input. A hearing may be required.

The PUC will take administrative notice of the exhibits in Docket No. 4442 related to metering as well as the transcripts from the December 3, 2013 hearing; the May 6, 2014 Technical Record Session; National Grid's handouts at the Technical Record Session and the RI League of Cities & Towns' Response to National Grid's Handouts and Comments at the May 6, 2014 RIPUC Technical Session.