

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID REQUEST :
FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS CAPACITY CONTRACT : DOCKET NO. 4627
AND COST RECOVERY PURSUANT TO :
R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-31-1 TO 9 :

**RESPONSE OF THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES TO LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE’S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO THE
OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

Request:

1-1 Is the Office of Energy Resources planning to sponsor its own independent analysis of the costs and benefits of the Access Northeast Project?

Response:

No. The Office of Energy Resources’ (“OER’s”) consultants are actively reviewing the analysis, testimony, and supporting documentation submitted by National Grid and its consultant, Black & Veatch. This work is being conducted in coordination with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and its consultants as well as the Department of Environmental Management. Specifically, this review includes, but is not limited to, reviewing the appropriateness of the models utilized by National Grid and their underlying inputs and assumptions, as well as conducting an assessment of modeling outputs and results within the context of the requirements of the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-1 et seq.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I filed the original and 3 hard copies of this Response to the Lt. Governor's Data Request with the PUC via mail. In addition, I electronically served a copy of this Response to the service list. I certify that all of the foregoing was done on September 6, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. S. M.", is written above a solid horizontal line.