

June 1, 2018

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 2509 – Storm Contingency Fund
March 7, 2018 Storm**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I respectfully request an extension of time to submit the Company's 90-day event report in connection with the March 7, 2018 Winter Storm Quinn (Winter Storm Quinn or the Storm), which would otherwise be due on June 8, 2018 pursuant to Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Order No. 15360 (August 19, 1997) and paragraph 4(b) of the Joint Proposal and Settlement in Lieu of Comments Submitted by The Narragansett Electric Company and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the Settlement) approved by the PUC in Docket No. 2509. Paragraph 4(b) of the Settlement requires National Grid to file with the PUC within 90 days after a storm a report providing a description of the storm along with a summary of the extent of the damage to the Company's system, including the number of outages and length of the outages.

During the month of March, the Company prepared for and/or experienced four winter weather events in its Rhode Island service territory within three weeks – an extraordinary number of storms in a short period of time. These weather events occurred on or around March 2-3, 2018 (Winter Storm Riley); March 7-8, 2018 (Winter Storm Quinn); March 13, 2018 (Winter Storm Skylar); and March 22, 2018 (Winter Storm Toby). This has impacted National Grid's resources to compile and process the information associated with the storms. In particular, as a result of the string of weather events in March, key Company personnel responsible to compile and provide information for the 90-day storm summary reports for these storms were unavailable for a period of time due to their emergency response assignments. Additionally, to develop the 90-day storm summary reports for the March storms, the Company has been reviewing tens of thousands of trouble orders for Winter Storms Riley, Quinn, Skylar, and Toby. The data review is a manual and time-consuming task for certain skilled individuals who were unavailable as a result of storm response efforts throughout March, and who are responsible for preparing such information for both the Rhode Island and Massachusetts jurisdictions. Therefore, to develop and complete an accurate 90-day storm summary report for Winter Storm Quinn with the information and details required by the Company's Emergency Response Plan and the Settlement, National Grid needs additional time to coordinate with key

¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

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Company personnel; complete its review of the voluminous data associated with all of the March storms, including Winter Storm Quinn; and prepare the summary reports. Accordingly, National Grid requests a 30-day extension of time, up to and including July 9, 2018, to file the Winter Storm Quinn 90-day storm summary report. Pursuant to PUC Rule 1.6(b), and as demonstrated above, good cause exists for this request.

National Grid is contemporaneously submitting a copy of this request to the Division pursuant to Order No. 20814 in Docket No. D-11-94.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-7415.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RH", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert J. Humm

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I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

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