

November 23, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Division Clerk
Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket D-21-09 – Petition of PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, National Grid USA, and The Narragansett Electric Company for Authority to Transfer Ownership of The Narragansett Electric Company to PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC and Related Approvals
Witness Substitution

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid USA and The Narragansett Electric Company (together, “National Grid”), enclosed is the Affidavit of Christopher Kelly, submitted to make a witness substitution in this docket.¹

By this filing, National Grid is notifying the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the “Division”) of the substitution of Mr. Kelly for Terence Sobolewski, who is no longer employed by National Grid and is therefore unavailable for the remainder of this proceeding. Mr. Sobolewski sponsored direct testimony dated May 4, 2021 in this docket. Mr. Kelly is adopting the testimony sponsored by Mr. Sobolewski in this proceeding as his own.

As detailed in Mr. Kelly’s Affidavit, he assumed the position of Interim President for the Rhode Island Jurisdiction for National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. (the “Service Company”) on October 1, 2021. In his role as Interim President, Mr. Kelly is responsible for overseeing the regulated electric and gas distribution operations of National Grid USA in Rhode Island. Mr. Kelly also serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the US Electric Business, New England, where he oversees 2,000 employees and is responsible for the safe and reliable delivery of electricity across Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Mr. Kelly brings extensive experience to his roles, having joined a predecessor to National Grid USA in 1988 and held roles of increasing responsibility through the present. Mr. Kelly is in a position to provide requisite information relating to the issues presented in Mr. Sobolewski’s direct testimony. In addition, Mr. Kelly is submitting joint rebuttal testimony in this proceeding.

¹ Although this is a Division filing, consistent with Public Utilities Commission’s filing requirements during the COVID-19 emergency period, National Grid is submitting an electronic version of this filing. National Grid will provide the Division Clerk with five hard copies within 24 hours and, if needed, additional hard copies of the enclosures upon request.

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Recognition of the substitution of Mr. Kelly for Mr. Sobolewski will help ensure efficient and productive evidentiary hearings through cross-examination of a knowledgeable representative of National Grid. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, National Grid substitutes Mr. Kelly for Mr. Sobolewski for the duration of this proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-7288.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson

Enclosure

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

Docket No. D-21-09

Affidavit of Christopher Kelly

I, Christopher Kelly, do attest and swear to the following:

1. I am the Interim President for the Rhode Island Jurisdiction and Chief Operating Officer for the US Electric Business, New England for National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. I assumed the role of Interim President on October 1, 2021. In my role as Interim President, I am responsible for overseeing the regulated electric and gas distribution operations of National Grid USA in Rhode Island. As Chief Operating Officer for the US Electric Business, New England, which I assumed in April 2021, I oversee 2,000 employees and am responsible for the safe and reliable delivery of electricity across Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
2. I joined a predecessor of National Grid USA in 1988 as an Associate Engineer. Since then, I have held roles of increasing responsibility, including Power Systems Engineer, Operations Planner, Manager of Distribution Engineering and Operations, Director of Protection and Telecommunications Operations, Director of Substation Engineering and Design, Director of Project Management, Director of Protection and Meter Engineering, Director of Utility of the Future, Vice President of Electric Systems Engineering, Senior Vice President of Electric Process and Engineering, and US Chief Electric Engineering Officer. I became the Chief Operating Officer for the US Electric Business, US in April 2019.
3. In addition to my professional roles with National Grid USA, I serve as a Board Member for several boards, including The Narragansett Electric Company.
4. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. I am also a Registered Professional Engineer.
5. I have not been a witness on behalf of National Grid USA or The Narragansett Electric Company in any prior proceedings before the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers or Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.
6. I am prepared to testify on the contents of the pre-filed direct testimony of Terence Sobolewski, previously filed in this proceeding on May 4, 2021.
7. I am adopting Mr. Sobolewski's testimony filed in this proceeding as my testimony. The information provided in the testimony is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury:

Christopher Kelly
Christopher Kelly

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Suffolk

Subscribed to and sworn to before me on this 23rd day of November, 2021, by Christopher Kelly, who proved to me through satisfactory evidence of the identification to be the person who appeared before me.

Kevin F. Penders
Notary Public

