

July 30, 2010

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0012

Re: Finance Docket No. 35393, Providence and Worcester Railroad Company – Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Ms. Brown:

The New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Company”) respectfully requests a 30 day extension from today’s date in which to respond to the Petition in this docket filed by Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (“P&W”) on July 20, 2010. Counsel for P&W, Edward D. Greenberg, Esq. has consented to this request.

National Grid is the owner of the electric transmission line that is the subject of P&W’s Petition, and thus has a substantial interest in this proceeding. National Grid intends to file a substantive response to the Petition, and is making this request in order to allow itself time to retain expert counsel and prepare its response. The issues raised in the Petition are complex and require a review of both state and federal laws and regulations before the Company’s response can be submitted. Completing this review within the standard 20 days of filing of the Petition would be extremely challenging, particularly during the current vacation season.

National Grid respectfully requests a brief extension to August 30, 2010, and further requests that the STB refrain from taking any action on the Petition until after it has received and reviewed our response.

Sincerely,



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