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National Grid LNG, LLC
Fields Point Liquefaction Project
Docket No. CP16-121-000
§ 375.308(x)

April 7, 2017

Anthony LaRusso
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National Grid LNG, LLC
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Waltham, MA 02451

Re: Environmental Data Request

Dear Mr. LaRusso:

On November 16, 2016, National Grid LNG, LLC (National Grid) filed supplemental information related to Resource Report 7 and the Soil Management Plan (SMP) for its proposed Fields Point Liquefaction Project (Project). Attachment B to the November 16, 2016 filing includes a September 26, 2016 letter to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) that states that National Grid originally planned to manage soil disturbance associated with the Project under a Short Term Response Action Plan (STRAP) to be approved by RIDEM, but that National Grid since determined it would be more appropriate to proceed under its 2012 Soil Management Plan (2012 SMP). Attachment B goes on to say that if the Commission finds the 2012 SMP insufficient, the Commission will require alternative approaches. At this point, the Commission Staff believes that the 2012 SMP is insufficient and inappropriate for the review of National Grid's proposal. Following additional consultation with RIDEM on March 30 and April 6, 2017, Commission Staff believes it is appropriate for National Grid to proceed with the development of a STRAP under the purview of RIDEM and pursuant to the procedures set forth in RIDEM's *Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases* (Remediation Regulations), as National Grid originally contemplated.

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We will look to RIDEM, as a cooperating agency, as the primary source of information regarding soil/groundwater disturbance and addressing or managing potential contamination at the site. Hence, Commission Staff believes this process is the most efficient way to proceed with the processing of National Grid's application before the Commission.

Accordingly, please provide an update on National Grid's consultations with RIDEM regarding soil/groundwater disturbance and addressing or managing potential contamination at the site. Also, describe how National Grid plans to comply with the requirements outlined in RIDEM's Remediation Regulations, including the public involvement requirements set forth in Rule 7.07 (and specifically, Rule 7.07(E)).

File your responses in accordance with the provisions of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In particular, 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires that you serve a copy of the response to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

You should file a complete response within 5 days of the date of this letter.
The response must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

If your response cannot be filed within this time frame, please provide a projected filing date. **You should be aware that the information described above is necessary for us to continue preparation of the environmental document for this Project.**

When filing documents and maps, be sure to prepare separate volumes, as outlined on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/filing-guide/file-ceii.asp>. Any plot plans showing equipment or piping details or other Critical Energy Infrastructure Information should be filed as non-public and labeled "**Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information – Do Not Release**" (18 CFR 388.112).

For all materials submitted, in addition to the copies filed with the Secretary of the Commission, please provide electronic and hard copies directly to our third-party environmental contractor, ERM (to the attention of Christina Hoffman).

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-502-6173.

Sincerely,

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