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Re: Case 14-M-0101 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision; Demonstration Project Proposals.

## Dear Ms. Audunson:

I am writing to advise you of the current status of Staff's review of your proposed REV demonstration project; the Smart Home Rate Project filed on February 1, 2017 by National Grid.

I am pleased to inform you that Staff has determined that the proposed Smart Home Rate Project complies with the objectives set forth in Ordering Clause 4 of the Commission's *Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan*, issued February 27, 2015, as well as the Smart Home Rate objectives defined in the *Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework* issued May 19, 2016, in the above referenced proceeding.

Staff will be contacting you in the next few days to schedule a meeting at the earliest convenience of the project team. During that meeting Staff will review the basis of its determination which will be memorialized in a report setting forth the details of Staff's assessment. The assessment report will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

During the meeting Staff will also discuss development of a detailed implementation plan, including a detailed schedule, budget, projected milestones, and appropriate metrics. The implementation plan is expected to evolve and incorporate lessons learned or new developments within the scope of the project. The project implementation plan will be updated quarterly and will include the reporting obligations set forth in the above referenced Order. Once developed, the implementation plan and updates will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact either Christian Bonvin at Christian.Bonvin@dps.ny.gov or 518-486-2817, or Marco Padula at Marco.Padula@dps.ny.gov or 518-474-6694. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with the Company in the further evaluation and implementation of this project.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Weiner

Deputy for Markets and Innovation