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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Case Number: 16-G-0058 KEDLI Gas Rates

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The Long Island Association (“LIA”), which is the leading business organization in the region, supports National Grid’s proposal to invest in its gas infrastructure that is contained in the rate case application currently before the Department of Public Service.

National Grid is one of the region’s most prominent companies and employs thousands of Long Islanders. It also plays a vital role in our economy, which is dependent upon a safe, efficient and reliable supply of natural gas. In order to meet the energy needs of our region’s homes and businesses, it is imperative that National Grid continues to invest in its gas assets.

The LIA supports the company’s efforts to strengthen the current system, expand gas service in the future and provide Long Island with a modernized, more resilient 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure. This proposal will give National Grid the ability to allocate the resources necessary to capitalize on newer technologies that help make it a cleaner alternative to oil which does not unreasonably degrade the environment.

By making smart and substantial investments in the system, National Grid is reaffirming its commitment to Long Island and helping ensure available and dependable access to gas that will help contribute to our economic growth and the overall viability of our region. Therefore, the LIA supports National Grid’s plan to invest in its gas system.

Respectfully submitted,

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