

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL

No. _____

WHEREAS, National Grid is seeking community input on a Long Term Gas Capacity Plan for Aquidneck Island; and

WHEREAS, National Grid has presented a draft "Aquidneck Island Long-Term Gas Capacity Study" dated September 2020 to the three Aquidneck Island Communities which identified four options to address the energy needs of Aquidneck Island residents; and

WHEREAS, the four options are identified as follows: (1) Non-Infrastructure Solution relying exclusively on electrification, demand response, and efficiency; (2) LNG Solution at new location, including potential for low-carbon hydrogen; (3) Transmission Pipeline Project (AGT); and (4) Continue Portable LNG at Old Mill Lane, with demand-side measures to preserve contingency; and

WHEREAS, National Grid representatives have held workshops in each community to obtain municipal and public input on said report; and

WHEREAS, National Grid has requested direction from each community with regard to the presented options. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: the City of Newport endorses the Non-Infrastructure Solution relying exclusively on electrification, demand response and efficiency. AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the City recognizes that the non-infrastructure approach is a long-term process and supports an LNG facility on Aquidneck Island as an interim measure to increase gas resiliency.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk



CITY OF NEWPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Jeanne-Marie Napolitano
Mayor

December 1,, 2020

DRAFT

Brian Schuster, Director
Customer and Community – Rhode Island
National Grid
280 Melrose Street
Providence, RI 02907

Dear Mr. Schuster:

The City of Newport is appreciative of the efforts that National Grid has undertaken to communicate a potential long term energy solution for Aquidneck Island.

Of the four solutions identified by National Grid at its most recent November 2020 workshop with the City Council, the City endorses the Non-Infrastructure Solution relying exclusively on electrification, demand response and efficiency. We recognize that this solution has been presented as the most costly of the four and we look forward to learning more about the elements of the cost structure. However, the non-infrastructure is noted as being also the most environmentally supportive.

The City recognizes that this approach follows a long term process of implementation so to that extent the City fully supports an active LNG facility here on Aquidneck Island as an interim measure of the type that is currently operated at Old Mill Lane which increases gas resiliency here on Aquidneck Island.

We would note that there is sentiment here in Newport that the facility would be better located on Navy property both in terms of safety and security.

We look forward to working with National Grid on solving Newport's long term energy issues.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr.
City Manager

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