

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL

No. 2020-97

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
DECEMBER 9, 2020



Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk