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Via Email Only

Alexandra Blackmore, Esq.  
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Re: D.P.U. 16-WPA-01, National Grid Work Plan Agreement

Dear Ms. Blackmore:

On February 19, 2020, the Pipeline Safety Division (“Division”) of the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) notified Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) that the Company had failed to meet its 2019 compliance goals in the above-noted Work Plan Agreement (“WPA”) for at least two items: Item 3 [REDACTED]; and Item 13b [REDACTED]

The Division has completed its assessment of these two items and has determined that National Grid is noncompliant with the WPA. Per the WPA, this noncompliance authorizes the Department to assess civil penalties of \$10,000 for each day of noncompliance (Item 3) or \$200,000 for each day of noncompliance (for Item 13b) up to a maximum civil penalty of \$2,000,000 per item. As such, National Grid shall pay a civil penalty of \$500,000 for each item. The total \$1,000,000 penalty is due to the Department within 30 days of the date of this letter. The Division is continuing to review other items of non-compliance in 2019 and reserves the right to assess civil penalties for those items.

Moreover, based on National Grid’s current compliance status, the Division anticipates that the Company will be unable to achieve its compliance goals for the remainder of the WPA. Thus, the Division seeks to discuss the current WPA terms with National Grid to ensure future compliance. The Division will schedule a meeting shortly.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 857-214-1522. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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