

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 383

Approved October 8, 2008

WHEREAS, National Grid has initiated an extensive construction project to upgrade gas equipment throughout Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, National Grid's project is at various stages of construction in neighborhoods throughout Providence; and

WHEREAS, The gas construction project involves extensive digging on roadways, sidewalks and private property, in order to relocate gas meters from the interior basements of individual homes to the exterior of houses; and

WHEREAS, Property owners throughout the city have complained about a lack of communication and information regarding the project, and have expressed great concern about the relocation of pipes, meters, regulators and other gas equipment on the exteriors of their homes; and

WHEREAS, The placement of gas equipment on the outside of homes throughout Providence has begun to undermine both the historic character and aesthetic value of city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Work has been completed by National Grid that has damaged public property, which has not been repaired.

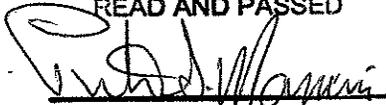
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge National Grid to establish policies regarding the installation of gas meters in the city of Providence, to include the following provisions:

- 1) National Grid will give clear and early written notice to the City of Providence and individual property owners of any projects to replace gas lines, pipes, meters, regulators, or other equipment;
- 2) National Grid will place pipes, meters, regulators or other equipment inside basements unless National Grid has received the written and signed permission of the property owner to place such items on the exterior of the building;
- 3) Should National Grid receive written permission for exterior placement, pipes, meters, regulators, or other equipment must be placed on the side or rear of building free of charge, or an appropriate fee; and
- 4) National Grid will restore all private property to original condition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby urges National Grid to halt work on the gas meter installation project in the city of Providence until such policies are adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a upon adoption, copies of this resolution be sent to National Grid's President of Gas Distribution for Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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