

## TROPICAL STORM IRENE

### National Grid gives to United Way, Red Cross

National Grid on Tuesday donated a total of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island and to Red Cross branches in New England to aid in the recovery from Tropical Storm Irene.

Timothy F. Horan, president of National Grid's Rhode Island operations, was at the United Way's Valley Street offices in Providence Tuesday afternoon to present the organization with a check for \$165,000 in support of its 2-1-1 emergency information hot line.

"The donation was made to support the essential service the United Way's 2-1-1 line provides to Rhode Islanders, as it has done during the ongoing recovery from Tropical Storm Irene," Horan said in a statement.

National Grid also gave a \$335,000 donation to the Red Cross of Central Massachusetts, which will share the money with other Red Cross offices in the region.

The donations were made available through the National Grid Foundation, the nonprofit, charitable arm of the company, and are not ratepayer-related, according to a spokesman for National Grid.

