

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT THE AQUIDNECK ISLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT IN PORTSMOUTH AND MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2016-01

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-98 and 42-35, in particular § 42-98-9.1(b), and Rule 1.8(h) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), **the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will conduct public hearings regarding the above captioned matter at the following times and locations:**

- **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM** in the Portsmouth Town Council Chambers, 2200 East Main Road, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.
- **Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:00 PM** in the Middletown Town Hall Town Council Chambers, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island.

Public comment will be heard at both hearings.

In an application filed with the Board on December 29, 2015, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid seeks the approval of the Board to site and construct the Aquidneck Island Reliability Project, a transmission project including alterations to Dexter Substation in Portsmouth; alterations and relocation of Jepson Substation in Portsmouth and Middletown; upgrading 4.4 miles of power lines between the two substations; realignment of a third power line connected to Jepson Substation; and temporary relocations of other facilities, and related work. The facility's intended use and size meet the definition of a "major energy facility" pursuant to Rule 1.2(p). The application is on file and available for public review at the offices of the Board at the Public Utilities Commission office building and at www.ripuc.org/efsb.

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-9.1(b), the Board is required to "have at least one public hearing in each town or city affected prior to holding its own hearings and prior to taking final action on the application. All details of acceptance for filing in § 42-98-8(a)(1) – (a)(6) shall be presented at town or city hearings for public comment." Pursuant to § 42-98-9.1(e), public input is specifically included as "a part of the decision making process." The Board has scheduled these additional hearings for the purpose of accepting public comment before making a final decision on the application.

The Middletown and Portsmouth Town Council Chambers and Public Utilities Commission office building are accessible to the handicapped. Requests for interpreter services for the hearing impaired must be made to the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888; 401-780-2106; todd.bianco@puc.ri.gov at least seventy-two hours in advance of the hearing.

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