

**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

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 42-98 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in particular Section 42-98-11, and Rule 1.12 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will conduct final hearings regarding the above-captioned matter on **Thursday, April 13, 2017, beginning at 9:30 AM in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** Pursuant to Rules 1.8(a) and 1.18(c), the hearing will continue from day to day, time to time, and place to place, as required. Per Rule 1.10(d)(1), the deadline to file and serve motions for intervention in this docket is Friday, March 24, 2017.

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 proposed transmission project meets the definition of a “major energy facility” pursuant to Rule 1.2(p). The application and docket materials are on file and available for public review at the offices of the Board at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island and online at [www.ripuc.org/efsb](http://www.ripuc.org/efsb).

The hearing is being held in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-98-11(a)—(c), which require the Board to conduct a final hearing on applications. The purpose of the hearing is not to rehear the evidence that was presented in hearings before designated agencies, but rather to provide the opportunity to address – in a single forum and from a consolidated, statewide perspective – the issues reviewed, and the recommendations made, in the proceedings before the designated agencies.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is 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](mailto:todd.bianco@puc.ri.gov) at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

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