

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S NOTICE OF INTENT APPLICATION TO RELOCATE AN EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE—FRANLINK SQUARE SUBSTATION TO SOUTH STREET SUBSTATION 115 KV UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT – DOCKET NO. SB-2016-02

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98 and 42-35 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended, in particular, sections 42-98-7; 42-98-9; 42-98-9.1, and sections 1.6(f); 1.6(g); 1.6(h); and 1.2(d) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM, at the Department of Environmental Management Foundry Offices, Room 300, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island.** Public comment will be heard. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

In its application, the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid seeks the approval of the Energy Facility Siting Board to relocate existing, overhead T1, T2 and T2 115 kV transmission lines between the Franklin Square Substation and the new South Street substation in Providence, Rhode Island. The new lines will be installed underground in two separate alignments of approximately 1,300 and 1,400 feet.

Sections 1.6(f) of the Board's rules provides for an abbreviated review in cases involving the modification or relocation of existing power lines. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may issue a determination as to whether the proposed project "may result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare" thereby requiring a full Board review. If the Board determines that the project will not result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare, then the project is determined not to constitute an alteration and may proceed without further review. The application is 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.

Room 300 of the Department of Environmental Management Foundry Offices 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 at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

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Energy Facility Siting Board
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