

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

IN RE: The Narragansett Electric Company :
 d/b/a National Grid :
 Notice of Intent Application : Docket No. SB-2015-03
 For Approval of Reconductoring :
 of V148N Transmission Line :

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 August 3, 2015 at 5:30 PM, at the Kendall-Dean School, 83 Green Street, North Smithfield, Rhode Island.** 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 reconnector approximately 4.2 miles of the existing V148N 115kV Transmission Line located between the Woonsocket Substation in North Smithfield and the Washington Substation in Lincoln, Rhode Island. The term “reconductoring” means the replacement of the conductors (wires) of an existing transmission line with new, larger conductors which are capable of carrying more power. The proposed work will also involve the replacement or reinforcement of certain existing pole or tower structures.

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. Following this hearing, the Board will meet to determine 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 Energy Facility Siting Board at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Kendall-Dean School are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Siting Board Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2106, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

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Energy Facility Siting Board
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