

**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 FOR APPROVAL OF RECONDUCTORING  
OF J16 TRANSMISSION LINE – DOCKET NO. SB-2015-04

**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 26, 2015 at 5:30 PM, at the Hamlet Middle School, 60 Florence Drive, Woonsocket, 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 reconductor approximately 2.2 miles of the existing J16 115kV Transmission Line located between the Riverside Substation in Woonsocket and the Highland Park Substation in Cumberland, Rhode Island. The term “reconductor” means the replacement of the conductors (wires) of an existing transmission line with new, larger conductors that are capable of carrying more power. The proposed work will also involve the replacement or reinforcement of certain existing pole or tower structures and the addition of one such structure.

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 Energy Facility Siting Board at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Hamlet Middle 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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