STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS Notice of Public Hearing

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") has under consideration a proposed ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS REGULATION. The proposed regulation is promulgated in accordance with Section 38-2-1 and Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, and sets forth the specific rules and procedures applicable to access to public records maintained by the Division.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that a public hearing on the above proposed regulation shall be held on **May 3, 2010** at **10:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Division's offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

In the development of the proposed regulation, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business, as defined in Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, which the Division believes will not result from this regulation. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

Copies of the proposed regulation is available for public inspection at the offices of Division, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888, or by calling Mr. Thomas Kogut, Division Rules and Regulation Coordinator, or by sending an email to: TKogut@ripuc.state.ri.us. In conformance with Section 42-35-2.3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, copies of a concise summary of the regulation being proposed are available upon request.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements made relative to any aspect of the regulation, including alternative approaches, overlap, or significant economic impact, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing, emailed or mailed prior to the hearing date to: John Spirito, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel, Division of Rhode Island Public Utilities and Carriers, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888. Oral statements made at the public hearing will be considered, but should be limited to five minutes each.

Hearing Room A is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call Ms. Luly Massaro, Division Clerk, at 941-4500, ext. 107 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Signed this 26th day of March, 2010
Thomas F. Ahern