

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: ISSUANCE OF ADVISORY OPINION TO ENERGY
FACILITY SITING REGARDING NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC
COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID APPLICATION TO
CONSTRUCT AND ALTER MAJOR ENERGY FACILITIES

DOCKET NO. 3732

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1, 42-98-9(d) and 42-98-9(e) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a hearing on **Monday, July 17, 2006 at 9:30 AM** in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

On November 18, 2005, the Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (the “EFSB”) an application to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and 115 kV tap lines, reconductor an existing 115 kV transmission lines, construct a new 115-12.47 kV substation and expand and modify an existing substation (collectively, the “Project”). On March 3, 2006, the EFSB issued a Notice of Designation to the Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) to render an Advisory Opinion as to the need and cost-justification for the Project. The Advisory Opinion to the EFSB is due by September 5, 2006.

At this hearing, the Commission will evaluate a recommendation concerning the need and cost-justification of the proposed Project to be jointly submitted by the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities, Division of Statewide Planning and State Energy Office to the Commission prior to the issuance of an advisory opinion to the EFSB which application is pending before the EFSB.

Due to specific Commission mandate under the Energy Facility Siting Act, speakers will be limited to their comments, to the Commission, to a discussion “as to the need to construct or alter transmission lines.”

The docket and related documents are on file for examination at the Commission Clerk’s office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The application can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3732page.html.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500 SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
July 7, 2006