

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC,
GAS AND WATER UTILITY SERVICE

DOCKET NO. 3761

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Monday, November 27, 2006 at 9:30 A.M.** in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for the purpose of affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, in response to the Commission’s plan to amend the current Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Utility Service adopted by the Commission on May 1, 2002.

The purpose of the amended regulations is to establish a summer moratorium on utility service shutoff on days when the National Weather Service issues an excessive heat advisory or excessive heat warning for Rhode Island. The regulations will apply to all residential customers of regulated electric, gas and water utility service.

The rules and regulations, in both form existing and proposed in a redacted version specifying additions are on file at the Clerk’s office and may be examined there. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained in person at the Commission’s office, by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 107, or may be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket.html.

Interested parties and members of the public wishing to offer data, views or arguments regarding the amended regulations may do so either orally on the day of the hearing or in writing prior to the hearing date. In addition, written comments will be accepted at the above address

until 4:00 P.M. on November 30, 2006. An original and nine (9) copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 43-35-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18 and 39-1-38.

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
October 30, 2006