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

IN RE: PETITION FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 39-1-30 FILED BY NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC D/B/A NATIONAL GRID DOCKET NO. 3858

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 28, 2007 @ 9:30 A.M.</u> in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will consider the propriety of Petition For Review Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 39-1-30 filed by Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid. In its petition, National Grid seeks relief from and requests that the Commission revoke nullify or modify an ordinance adopted by the Town of Portsmouth. The Town's ordinance requires that prior to issuing a permit for street excavation, National Grid is required to pay a fee for excavating a public road for the purpose of locating, replacing, repairing or installing underground facilities or other utility lines. National Grid maintains that the ordinance is unduly burdensome to and imposes excessive fees on the Company and its customers.

The petition may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of the National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The petition can also be accessed under the Commission Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org.

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, 39-1-30, 42-35-8, 42-35-9 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 945-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

> Luly E. Massaro Commission Clerk November 14, 2007