

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

IN RE: LEAST COST PROCUREMENT PLAN : DOCKET NO. 3931
PROPOSED BY NATIONAL GRID :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1-1, 39-3-11 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a Technical Session **Wednesday, October 8, 2008 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The technical session may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the components of a three year Least Cost Procurement Plan submitted by the Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid in compliance with R.I.G.L. §39-1-27.7 and the Least Cost Procurement Standards that were adopted by the Commission in this docket on July 18, 2008. The Plan incorporates an Energy Efficiency Procurement Plan, a System Reliability Plan and conservation procurement that reflects the collaboration of many parties that are members of the RI Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council. The plan is designed to identify strategies and an approach to planning and implementation of programs that will secure all cost-effective energy efficiency resources that are lower cost than supply and are prudent and reliable.

As filed, the Company seeks approval of a funding plan with an overall budget of approximately \$134 million over a three-year period from 2009 through 2011. The funds will be collected through the Demand Side Management (DSM) charge for implementation on bills rendered on or after January 1, 2009. Among the several initiatives proposed by the Company, the Plan includes: 1) doubling the energy efficiency savings over a period of three years, 2)

tripling the Demand Side Management expenditures over a period of three years, 3) creation of over \$280 million in net lifetime benefits for Rhode Island consumers, 4) a proposal to increase the DSM charge from \$0.0020 per kWh to \$0.0032 per kWh in 2009 to fund the expansion of energy efficiency programs, 5) equitable support of low-income energy efficiency programs that will be subsidized by all other sectors: residential, small business, and large commercial and industrial and 6) a commitment to work with Office of Energy Resources on the development of small-scale renewables.

The proposal and related information may be examined at the Commission's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The filings can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 3931.

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.

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Commission Clerk
September 25, 2008