

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID TARIFF FILING TO :
AMEND QUALIFYING FACILITIES : DOCKET NO. 3999
POWER PURCHASE RATE :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§39-3-1 and 39-311 as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a Technical Session on **Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 10:00 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 a tariff filing by National Grid to amend the currently effective R.I.P.U.C. No. 2006, Qualifying Facilities (QF) Power Purchase Rate to comply with R.I.G.L. Sections 39-26-2 and 39-26-6 (g)-(k). The QF Rate contains terms and conditions under which the Company will purchase from customers designated as QFs as defined by the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978. The QF Rate contains a provision that will allow certain eligible QFs to deliver power to the Company through net metering. Accordingly, the law requires that certain changes be made to the tariff regarding the distributed generation from renewable energy systems and net metering. Included in the amended tariff is an increase in the size of QFs that utilize renewable technologies that are eligible for net metering and an increase in the aggregate amount of net metering allowed on the system. The amended tariff also addresses how credits will be calculated and how unused credits will be carried forward over a twelve-month period. Finally, the amended tariff states that “any unused credits remaining on the customer account at the end of the netting period shall be transferred to the renewable energy low income fund set forth in the Rhode Island General Law subsection 39-26-6(j).” The

Commission's Order in this docket will address the creation of the renewable energy low income fund.

The filing 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. 3999.

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
December 1, 2008