

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2009

DOCKET NO. 4000

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 **Tuesday, December 9, 2008 @ 9:30 A.M.** 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 examine the propriety of a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) jointly submitted by National Grid (“Company”), the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, the Energy Consumers Alliance of New England d/b/a People’s Power and Light, Environment Northeast and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources seeking approval of the Company’s Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2009 (“EE Program Plan”). The Settlement will provide the Company with a budget to implement gas and electric energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The proposed budget for the electric Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Programs is approximately \$32,371,800 and will be collected through the statutory-based electric DSM charge of \$0.0032 per kWh for application in the billings months of January through December 2009. The proposed electric DSM charge represents an increase of \$0.0012 from the current charge of \$0.0020 per kWh. The impact on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would be a bill increase of \$0.60 per month from \$1.00 to \$1.60.

The proposed budget for the gas DSM is approximately \$20,676,300 and will be collected through the statutory-based gas DSM charge of \$0.015 per therm for application in the billings months of January through December for years 2009 through 2011. The proposed gas DSM charge represents an increase of \$0.043 per therm from the current charge of \$0.0107 per therm. The impact on typical residential heating customer using 922 therms per year would be an annual increase of \$3.96 from \$9.87 to \$13.83. The Commission may approve a different rate that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is December 3, 2008. Intervenor's comments are due on December 3, 2008. The Settlement and related documents may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4000.

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
November 26, 2008