

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: Consideration of Smart Grid Investments Pursuant to the
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), as
Amended by Federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

Docket No. 4052

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1 et seq., as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a Technical Session on **Tuesday, June 16, 2009 @ 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 as required.

The Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1978, as amended by the Federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (the "EISA") requires that the Commission initiate a proceeding to consider whether to adopt additional standards as a requirement on the state's electric utilities. The Act states that the State shall consider requiring that, prior to undertaking investments in non-advanced grid technologies, electric utilities in the State must demonstrate that they considered an investment in a qualified Smart Grid system based on based on appropriate factors, including (1) total costs; (2) cost-effectiveness; (3) improved reliability; (4) security; (5) system performance; and (6) societal benefit.

National Grid filed comments describing the Company's activities relating to Smart Grid systems in other states, and as well as the Aquidneck Island pilot program in Rhode Island which was previously approved by the Commission and in which the Company intends to provide a subset of Smart Grid technology to approximately 1000 customers. National Grid indicated that the Aquidneck Island pilot could be expanded to include a more long-term and scalable Smart Grid deployment with additional funding and that such an expansion may qualify for matching ARRA funding from the US Department of Energy. In this docket, the Commission will review the various activities in National Grid's Smart Grid programs in other states and may consider whether NGrid should propose for approval an expansion of the currently approved Aquidneck Island pilot which, if implemented, would have a rate impact. Comments are due from Intervenor, Pascoag Utility District and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers on July 3, 2009.

The docket and related information may be examined at the Commission's office. Docket No. 4052 can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org.

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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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
June 6, 2009