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

DOCKET NO. 4111

IN RE: REVIEW OF PROPOSED TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM PROJECT PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.1-7

## NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1 et seq. and 39-26.1-7, legal counsel to the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a Pre-Hearing Conference on **Thursday, October 29, 2009** @ **2:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. **The deadline for Intervention in this docket is Friday, October 30, 2009**.

In this docket, the Commission will examine a filing made by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-7. In accordance with that law, National Grid solicited proposals for one newly developed renewable energy resources project of ten (10) megawatts or less that includes a proposal to enhance the electric reliability and environmental quality of the Town of New Shoreham ("Project"), including provisions for a transmission cable between the Town of New Shoreham and the mainland of Rhode Island. National Grid received only one project proposal, submitted by Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC ("Deepwater Wind"). National Grid negotiated terms for a potential contract and has filed an unsigned form of contract with the Commission. In this filing, the Commission is mandated to review the contract and issue an order approving or disapproving the contract on or before December 31, 2009. If approved, various costs under the contract will be recovered from ratepayers of National Grid and Block Island Power Company in accordance with future Commission decisions under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1 et seq. and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11.

The filing may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can be accessed at <u>www.ripuc.org</u>, under the Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4111.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35, 39-1, 39-26.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18, 39-1-38, 39-26.1-2, 39-26.1-3, 39-26.1-4, 39-26.1-5, 39-26.1-6 and 39-26.1-7.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk October 19, 2009