

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
2010 ANNUAL RETAIL RATE FILING

DOCKET NO. 4140

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 **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 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 consider the propriety of National Grid's ("NGrid") annual retail rate filing to reconcile its tariff adjustment provisions for the period October 2008 through December 2009 and proposed rate changes effective March 1, 2010. Specifically, National Grid seeks approval to implement the following rate changes:

- To increase the Standard Offer Service Rate from 9.293¢ per kWh to 9.457¢ per kWh applicable to the Small Customer Group. This proposal includes the contractual costs to NGrid to procure power, an adjustment factor to recover an under-recovery accrued as of December 31, 2009, and the Renewable Energy Supply Charge previously approved by the Commission.
- To increase the Standard Offer Service Rate from 8.191¢ per kWh to 8.365¢ applicable to the Large Customer Group. This proposal includes contractual costs to NGrid to procure power, an adjustment factor to recover an under-recovery accrued as of December 31, 2009, and the Renewable Energy Supply Charge previously approved by the Commission.
- To decrease the Transition Charge from 0.235¢ per kWh to 0.068¢ per kWh.
- To decrease the Transmission Service Adjustment Factor from 1.044¢ per kWh to 1.041¢ per kWh.
- To reduce a low-income distribution credit to 0.419¢ per kWh applicable to the first 450 kWh of usage per month to eligible customers receiving service under the Low Income Residential Rate A-60.
- To implement a distribution kWh surcharge of 0.003¢ applicable to customers receiving service under the General Service Demand Rate G-32/B-32 and Rate G-62/B-62 to collect lost revenue resulting from the transfer of a customer from Rate G-62 to Rate G-32 during 2009.

The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid. Furthermore, the bill impact cannot be determined at this time because National Grid has requested changes to its cost allocation methodology in Docket No. 4065, currently pending before the Commission, which, if approved, will increase the Standard Offer Service rate.

The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is January 26, 2010. The filing may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of the National Grid, 280 Melrose

Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 19, 2010