

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

IN RE: REVIEW OF AMENDED POWER	:	
PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN	:	
NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY	:	DOCKET NO. 4185
D/B/A NATIONAL GRID AND DEEPWATER	:	
WIND BLOCK ISLAND, LLC PURSUANT TO	:	
R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.1-7	:	

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of RI General Laws §§ 39-1 et seq, 39-3 et seq. and 39-26.1-7, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct public hearings for the purpose of taking public comments on National Grid’s proposed Town of New Shoreham Project. The hearings will be held at the following dates and locations:

July 22, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.	Block Island School - Gymnasium High Street Block Island, Rhode Island
July 22, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.	Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island

The evidentiary hearings will follow at 9:30 A.M., July 26, 2010 at the Commission’s office.

In this docket, the Commission will examine a filing by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) made pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-7 as amended by 2010 R.I. Pub. Laws 31 and 32 (Senate Bill 2819 Sub A as amended and House Bill 8083 Sub A as amended).

In the filing dated June 30, 2010, National Grid seeks Commission review of an Amended Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) between National Grid and Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC (“Deepwater”) for the construction of a small-scale offshore wind demonstration project of the coast of Block island, including an undersea transmission cable that interconnects Block Island to the mainland (“Project”). The PPA includes a unit price of 24.4¢ per kWh for bundled renewable energy supplies in 2013, which is the first full year of expected operation for the Project. Under the PPA, this price will escalate at a rate of 3.5% annually. The PPA contains a provision that would allow the first year price to be reduced if Deepwater realizes certain cost savings in the development and construction of the Project. If the PPA is approved, the various costs associated with the Project will be recovered from all ratepayers of National Grid 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 PPA price does not include the costs of a transmission cable between Block Island and the mainland. Thus, this docket will not address the construction or recovery of costs of a transmission line between Block Island and the mainland of Rhode Island.

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 [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), under the Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4185.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35, 39-1, 39-26.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 401-780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
July 12, 2010