

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 HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of RI General Laws §§ 39-1-1, 42-46-6 (a) and (b), the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, July 15, 2010 @ 9:30 A.M.** for the purpose of taking oral argument on Conservation Law Foundation’s (“CLF”) Motion For a Stay of Proceedings in this docket.

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) seeking Commission approval 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.

On July 6, 2010, CLF filed with the Commission a Motion to Dismiss and for a Stay, stating that “for reasons of judicial economy and for the convenience of all parties to this Docket, CLF moves to stay Docket # 4185 until the PUC has ruled on the threshold questions raised by CLF’s Motion to Dismiss.” The Motion to Dismiss will be heard separately by the Commission. The deadline for parties to this docket to file written pleadings together with Memoranda regarding the Motion for a Stay is July 13, 2010.

The Motion to Dismiss and for a Stay may be examined at the Commission’s office. The filing can be accessed at 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 9, 2010
2:30 P.M.