

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 **Wednesday, July 21, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.** for the purpose of taking oral argument on Parties’ Motion to Dismiss Proceedings and 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.

The Commission has received Motion to Dismiss of the Proceeding from Intervenor’s Conservation Law Foundation, the Department of Attorney General and TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. The deadline for parties to this docket to file written pleadings together with Memoranda regarding the Motion to Dismiss is July 15, 2010. The deadline to file Objection to Motion to Dismiss is July 19, 2010.

The Motions to Dismiss 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.

The Public Utilities Commission is 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 15, 2010 - 1:00 P.M.