

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

IN RE: RI ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCE : DOCKET NO. 4202
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S AMENDED SYSTEM :
RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT STANDARDS :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1-1, 39-3-11 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a Technical Session on **Friday, May 13, 2011 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The technical session may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

At this technical session, the Commission will examine the propriety of a filing by the RI Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council ("EERMC") proposing to amend the current System Reliability Procurement Standards ("SRP") in its entirety. The proposed SRP Standards are intended to provide a procedure and funding options for National Grid to incorporate non-wireless alternatives into its distribution planning process. The proposal establishes a process that enables an objective assessment of non-wires alternatives as National Grid integrates these alternatives into the Company's planning functions. The proposal is designed to assist the Company in evaluating specific costs, benefits, and comparability of traditional and non-wireless solutions. The proposal is filed pursuant to R.I.G.L. 39-1-27.7 and purports to meet the requirements of the Least Cost Procurement Act by facilitating electric and natural gas efficiency that is lower cost than supply.

The proposal and related information may be examined at the Commission's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4202. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 3, 2011