

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PETITION FOR REVIEW : DOCKET NO. 4232
OF THE USE BACKUP RATES :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1 and 39-3 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 27, 2011 @ 10:30 AM**, in Hearing Room A of the Commission's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter as required.

This docket was initiated for the purpose of examining the use of National Grid's backup service rates in Rhode Island and issues associated with the backup rates. National Grid's backup service rate applies to customers who maintain and receive load from on-site self distributed generation facilities. The rate structure is designed to ensure that customers who do not have on-site generating facilities do not cross-subsidize customers that do. Backup service rates are charged to the backup service customers for the benefit of reserving capacity on National Grid's distribution system for 100 percent of the customer's electricity requirements at any time the customer's on-site generation is inoperable. At this hearing the Commission will consider testimony from National Grid, The Energy Council of Rhode Island and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, evaluate the impact of the backup service rates and make a determination whether to continue, modify or eliminate the use of backup rates.

The docket is available for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of the National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The docket can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4232. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
July 15, 2011