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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S TARIFF AMENDMENT TO DOCKET NO. 4276 STANDARDS FOR CONNECTING DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will accept written public comments regarding Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid's ("Company") proposed tariff amendments to the Company's current Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation ("Standards"), R.I.P.U.C. No. 2007. These Standards describe the process and requirements for an Interconnecting Customer to connect a power-generating facility to the Company's Electric Power System.

Pursuant to recently enacted law under 2011 R.I. Pub. Laws 144, National Grid filed to amend the Company's current Standards to provide for the processing of applications to assure that the application process assists in the development of renewable generation resources. The new Standards provide a timeframe and fee schedules for a renewable Distributed Generation project applicant to obtain Feasibility and Impact Studies. The new Standards will be available to applicants seeking interconnection for renewable distributed generation projects that meet the eligibility requirements for net metering or for distributed generation standards contracts under the new provision of the law.

Interested parties and members of the public wishing to offer comments regarding National Grid's proposed Standards may do so in writing to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 until 4:00 P.M. on October 14, 2011. An original and 10 copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

The proposal is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose St., Providence, R.I. The filing can also be accessed at <u>www.ripuc.org</u> under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4276. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk September 26, 2011