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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED STANDARD OFFER SERVICE ("SOS") RATES FILED PURSUANT TO THE 2013 SOS PROCUREMENT PLAN - DOCKET NO. 4315

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 10, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of National Grid's ("Company") November 20, 2012 proposal to implement rate changes to the Standard Offer Service ("SOS") Rate for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for effect January – June 2013 and the Industrial Group for effect January – March 2013. The proposal is submitted pursuant to the Company's SOS Procurement Plan ("Plan") for 2013 which was approved by the Commission on June 12, 2012. The Plan is designed and requires the Company to procure energy supply through established procurement methods and procurement schedule for each customer group in order to meet the requirements of SOS customers. The bill impact of the proposed rate change on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$1.36 from \$73.42 to \$74.78 or approximately 1.9%. The impact on commercial and industrial customers will vary monthly based upon class and consumption. The Commission may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The filing and proposed rates may be examined at the Commission's office. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4315. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk November 29, 2012