

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

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S APPLICATION TO  
CHANGE ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE DISTRIBUTION RATES - DOCKET NO. 4323

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-1, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") will conduct hearings on the following dates and locations to accept public comments on National Grid's (the "Company") proposed rate application:

September 5, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.	Narragansett Town Hall – Council Chambers 25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, Rhode Island
September 18, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.	Woonsocket City Hall - Harris Hall 169 Main Street Woonsocket, Rhode Island
September 19, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.	Newport Police Dept. - Assembly Room 120 Broadway Newport, Rhode Island
September 25, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.	Public Utilities Commission – Hearing Room A 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island
October 3, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.	Pawtucket City Hall - Council Chambers 137 Roosevelt Street Pawtucket, Rhode Island

The evidentiary hearings will commence at 9:30 A.M., October 22, 2012 at the Commission's office.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of an application by National Grid seeking approval to increase base distribution rates for its electric distribution and gas distribution operations in Rhode Island. The Company proposes a series of ratemaking proposals to recover costs on a collective basis that are designed to achieve a level of cost recovery and rate stability for the Company and its customers. These proposals include a temporary recovery mechanism to fund storm costs to recover a deficit in the Storm Fund, a rate adjustment mechanism to annually recover post-retirement costs for the electric operations, a rate adjustment mechanism to annually recover property tax expenses and a rate adjustment mechanism to annually recover supply-related uncollectible expense.

For National Grid Electric, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual operating revenue by approximately \$31.4 million, or 3.8%. The bill impact for a typical electric residential customer using 500 kWh per month would be a monthly increase of \$3.97 or 5.1% from \$78.05 to

\$82.02. The bill impact on electric commercial and industrial customers will range from an increase of -0.1% to an increase of approximately 6.7%.

For National Grid Gas, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual operating revenue by approximately \$20.0 million or 5.7%. The bill impact for a typical residential gas heating customer consuming 922 therms per year would be an annual increase of \$98 or 7.6% from \$1,295 to \$1,393. The impact on gas commercial and industrial customers will range from approximately 2.2% to approximately 7.2%. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The application is available for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, R.I. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), Docket No. 4323. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the R.I. General Laws.

These building are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro  
Commission Clerk  
August 26, 2012