

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AND GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE  
DOCKET NO. 4342

**NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. §39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a Technical Session on **October 15, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island.

At this Technical Session, the Commission will examine the propriety of a filing by National Grid seeking approval of proposed electric tariff, entitled Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service, R.I.P.U.C. No. 2124, and gas tariff, entitled General Terms and Conditions, R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS No. 101. The proposed tariffs will amend the company's existing Terms and Conditions, Section 10 (Installation of Meters) of its electric tariff and Section 7 (Billing and Reading of Meters) of its gas tariff to allow residential customers the choice to opt-out from the use of the Company's Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") meter equipped with a radio frequency ("RF") transmitter and request that it be replaced with a non-AMR manually-read meter that does not utilize a RF transmitter. AMR technology allows National Grid to obtain accurate meter readings remotely, faster and less costly than a non-ARM. Under the proposed electric tariff, customers who opt-out and choose a non-AMR meter, will pay \$40.25 for the removal of the existing AMR electric meter and the installation of the non-AMR meter, and an increased monthly rate equal to \$18.43 to offset the incremental labor costs associated with Company employees manually reading the meter. Under the proposed gas tariff, customers will pay \$111.67 for the removal of the existing AMR gas meter and the installation of the non-ARM meter and an increased monthly rate equal to \$23.40. The Commission may rule on the docket at the conclusion of the Technical Session.

The proposal may be examined at the Commission's office. The filing can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org) under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4342. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the RI General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
October 5, 2012