STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY PLAN FOR FY 2014 - DOCKET NO. 4380

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a hearing on <u>Thursday, March 21</u>, <u>2013 @ 9:30 A.M.</u> in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of a filing by Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid seeking approval of a proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for FY 2014 ("Plan"). The Plan was submitted to comply with the provisions of R.I.G.L. §§39-1-27.7.1, which provides for an annual infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The proposed Plan would account for additional revenues of approximately \$644,509 that will be collected through the Distribution Adjustment Charge effective April 1, 2013. If approved, the bill impact on an average residential heating customer using 846 therms per year would result in an annual increase of \$2.09 or 0.2 percent. The Commission may approve a different charge that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid. The Commission may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The filing 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. 4380. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk March 11, 2013