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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S 2013 ANNUAL RETAIL RATE FILING & 2013 RENEWABLE ENERGY CHARGE FILING - DOCKET NOS. 4391 & 4315

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 hearing on <u>Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 9:30</u> <u>A.M.</u> in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In these dockets, the Commission will examine the propriety of National Grid's proposals to implement rate changes for effect April 1, 2013. In Docket No. 4391, National Grid proposes rate changes that arise out the Company's annual reconciliations of the Standard Offer Service ("SOS"), SOS Administrative Adjustment Provision, transmission expenses pursuant to the Transmission Service Cost Adjustment Provision, the calculation of its transition charge pursuant to its Non-Bypassable Transition Charge Adjustment Provision, the Net Metering Charge and the Long Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery. In Docket No. 4315, National Grid proposes to implement a revised Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Charge that arises out of the Company's annual reconciliation of the RES. The tariff provisions provide for the reconciliation and recovery of actual revenues and expenses incurred by the Company for the period January 2012 through December 2012 and estimated revenues and expenses projected to be incurred from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. If approved, the combined net impact of the proposed rate changes on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$1.74 from \$78.62 to \$80.36 or approximately 2.2%. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid. The Commission may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The proposals may be examined at the Commission's office. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at <u>www.ripuc.org</u>, Docket Nos. 4391 and 4315. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk March 15, 2013