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

IN RE: REVIEW OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATIONAL GRID AND CHAMPLAIN WIND LLC - DOCKET NO. 4437

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1, 39-3 and 39-26.1 et seq. of the R.I. General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on <u>Wednesday, October 9, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.</u> in Hearing Room A of the Commission's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I.

At this hearing, the Commission will examine the propriety of a power purchase agreement ("PPA") executed between Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid and Champlain Wind, LLC for the potential purchase of renewable power from Champlain Wind, LLC, developer of the Bowers Wind Project ("Project"). The pricing under the PPA is for a fixed bundled energy price of \$78 per megawatt-hour ("MWh") based on ISO New England Maine zone and there is no annual escalation in price. The Project is a 48 MW land-based wind project that will be located in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township, Maine. The Project will consist of 16 Siemens turbines at 3 MW each. The expected annual output for the Project is 159,149 MWh, which represent a capacity factor of approximately 37.8 percent. The 115 kV interconnection to the ISO-NE Pool Transmission Facilities is located at Keene Road Substation. The PPA provides for the flexibility for the project to include 15 Vestas turbines at 3.3 MW each, for a total nameplate capacity of 49.5 MW.

The proposal is available for examination at the Commission's office. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's Docket Menu at <u>www.ripuc.org</u>, Docket No. 4437. 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 September 27, 2013