

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2014 &
2014 SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT REPORT – DOCKET NOS. 4451 & 4453

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 11, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island.

In these dockets, the Commission will examine the propriety of proposals to implement rate changes for electric and gas service contained in two Settlement Agreements (“Agreement”) jointly submitted by National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, Environment Northeast and RI Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council. In Docket No. 4451, the parties seek approval of National Grid’s 2014 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (“EEPP”). The Agreement provides National Grid with a budget to implement electric and gas energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The EEP is funded through the legislatively mandated Energy Efficiency Plan (“EEP”) charge that is collected from National Grid’s electric and gas customers. The proposed budget for the electric programs is approximately \$87.5 million most of which will be collected through the electric EEP charge of \$0.00896 per kWh for application in the billing months of January through December 2014. The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$25.8 million most of which will be collected through the gas EEP charge of \$0.596 per dekatherm from residential customers and \$0.474 per dekatherm from commercial & industrial customers for application in the billing months of January through December 2014.

In Docket No. 4453, the 2014 System Reliability Procurement (“SRP”) Report, the parties seek approval of National Grid’s proposed budget of \$399,208 to continue the third year of the Load Curtailment Pilot to test the use of load curtailment by customers, or demand response, as a means of managing local distribution capacity requirements during peak periods. The additional funding is proposed to be collected as an incremental increase of \$0.00005 per kWh to the EEP charge.

If approved, the combined net impact of the electric EEPP and SRP on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$0.20 per month or 0.002%. The impact of the gas EEPP on a typical residential heating customer using 846 therms per year is an increase of \$15.32 per year or 1.3%. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is November 25, 2013. Intervenor’s written comments are also due November 25, 2013. The proposals may be examined at the PUC’s office. The dockets can also be accessed under the PUC’s Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket Nos. 4451 & 4453. 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
November 15, 2013