

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2015 &  
2015 SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT REPORT – DOCKET NOS. 4527 & 4528

**NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) will conduct Technical Sessions on **Wednesday, December 17, 2014 @ 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 the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, Acadia Center f/k/a Environment Northeast, People’s Power & Light, and National Grid. In Docket No. 4527, the parties seek approval of National Grid’s 2015 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EEPP). The Agreement provides National Grid with a budget to implement electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The EEPP 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 \$86.6 million most of which will be collected through the electric EEP charge of \$0.00946 per kWh for application in the billing months of January through December 2015. The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$24.5 million most of which will be collected through the gas EEP charge of \$0.781 per dekatherm from residential customers and \$0.637 per dekatherm from commercial & industrial customers for application in the billing months of January through December 2015.

In Docket No. 4528, the 2015 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Report, the parties seek approval of National Grid’s proposed budget of \$568,641 to continue the fourth 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 \$0.00007 per kWh to the electric 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 \$0.22 per month. The impact of the gas EEPP on a typical residential heating customer using 846 therms per year is an increase of \$15.78 per year. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

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](http://www.ripuc.org), Docket Nos. 4527 & 4528. 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  
December 5, 2014