

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S TARIFF ADVICE FILING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
GROWTH PROGRAM, AND SOLICITATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS RULES
DOCKET NO. 4536-A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, February 12, 2015 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of National Grid's (Company) proposal to implement the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth Program) filed pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-26.6 and the recently-enacted Clean Energy Jobs Program Act. The proposal is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of 160 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy distributed generation (DG) projects in the State of Rhode Island over a five-year period using performance-based incentives. The expected benefits of the RE Growth Program include reductions in greenhouse gasses and other emissions associated with fossil fuels, economic development in Rhode Island communities, energy diversification, and peak energy demand reductions.

Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive compensation pursuant to the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC. In order to implement the RE Growth Program, the Company is proposing a governing tariff with terms and conditions intended to remain in effect for the life of the program. For at least five program years, the Company will file tariff supplements with the PUC that are designed to provide performance-based incentives to eligible DG projects for a specified term of years. The Company will also annually file any updates to the rules that will govern the solicitation and enrollment process, which ensure the orderly functioning of the program.

National Grid's proposal includes the Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules and the process for participation in the RE Growth Program enrollments, the tariff provisions that will govern the compensation to participants, terms and conditions for receiving compensation, and a cost recovery provision for implementing and operating the RE Growth Program.

The proposal may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4536. 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
February 2, 2015