

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: REVIEW OF THE NARRAGANSETT :
ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID : DOCKET NO. 4568
RATE DESIGN PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.6-24 :

NOTICE OF OPENING OF DOCKET AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that on July 1, 2015, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-24, a docket was opened to consider The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) rate design and distribution cost allocation among rate classes in light of net metering and the changing distribution system that is expected to include more distributed energy resources, including, but not limited to, distributed generation. In this docket, the PUC will determine the appropriate cost responsibility and contributions to the operation, maintenance, and investment in the distribution system that is relied upon by all customers, including, without limitation, non-net metering and net-metering customers.

This is to be a revenue neutral reallocation of rates which means that while rates that individual customers may pay could change, the overall revenue requirement those rates will recover will not change. A subsequent notice will be published prior to any hearings that may be scheduled in this docket or any proposed changes to rates will be considered. Preliminary discussions were conducted between January and June 2015 in Docket No. 4545 which can be accessed on the PUC's website at: <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4545page.html>.

On or before July 10, 2015, National Grid will file an executive summary of its proposed rate design together with its primary rationale for same. PUC Legal Counsel will conduct a pre-hearing conference to set a schedule for discovery, filings, hearings, and the intervener deadline on **Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the PUC's office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. National Grid's executive summary may be examined at the PUC's office or can be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4568page.html>.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
July 2, 2015