

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS :
FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS PURSUANT : DOCKET NO. 4570
TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-31-1 :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL RECORD SESSION, INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND TO
SOLICIT COMMENTS

Rhode Island Gen. Laws §§ 39-31-1 to -9, the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act, among other purposes, allows Rhode Island to “[u]tilize coordinated competitive processes, in collaboration with other New England states...to advance strategic investment in energy infrastructure and energy resources” that fall under certain criteria. On June 26, 2015, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) a Request for Proposal (RFP) for which it seeks approval as a reasonable, open and competitive method of soliciting proposals for clean energy projects pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-6(a)(1)(i). A copy of that filing and the procedural schedule can be found on the PUC’s website at: <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4570page.html>.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-6(a)(1) requires the PUC to determine whether the proposed RFP is a reasonable, open, and competitive method of soliciting proposals from renewable energy developers...that may include public solicitations and individual negotiations and whether the solicitation process will permit a reasonable amount of negotiating discretion for the parties to engage in arms-length negotiations over final contract terms. The PUC will also determine whether the proposed RFP is consistent with R.I. Gen. Laws 39-31-4, setting forth the options in which the State may participate.

The PUC will accept written comments from parties who are allowed intervention status under PUC Rule of Practice and Procedure 1.13. The deadline for submitting comments and filing

Motions to Intervene is **August 20, 2015**. The PUC will also accept written public comments from members of the public who do not seek party status. All comments should be emailed to Luly Massaro, luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov with an original and nine (9) copies mailed to her at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888.

A Technical Record Session will be held at the PUC for the purposes of reviewing National Grid's proposal on **September 9, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** in Hearing Room A of the PUC's offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the PUC Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of the Technical Record Session date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
July 20, 2015