

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2016 &  
2016 SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT REPORT – DOCKET NOS. 4580 & 4581

**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 hearing on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 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 as submitted in two Settlement Agreements (Agreement) jointly entered into by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council, Acadia Center, People's Power & Light, Green Healthy Homes Initiative and National Grid (collectively, the Parties). In Docket No. 4580, the parties seek approval of National Grid's 2016 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 \$87.5 million most of which will be collected through the electric EEP charge of \$0.01077 per kWh for application in the billing months of January through December 2016. The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$27.7 million most of which will be collected through the gas EEP charge of \$0.748 per dekatherm from residential customers and \$0.487 per dekatherm from commercial & industrial customers for application in the billing months of January through December 2016.

In Docket No. 4581, the 2016 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Report, the parties seek approval of National Grid's proposed budget of \$441,123 to continue the fifth 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 charge of \$0.00003 per kWh included in 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 \$0.62 per month. The impact of the gas EEPP on a typical residential heating customer using 846 therms per year is a decrease of \$2.79 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. 4580 & 4581. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

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

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
November 20, 2015