

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: RI DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING 2016 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH CLASSES, CEILING PRICES AND
TARGETS - DOCKET NO. 4589-B

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, January 14, 2016 @ 10:00 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 Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board's (DG Board) Report and Recommendations regarding the 2016 Renewable Energy Growth Classes, Ceiling Prices and Targets submitted in compliance with the Renewable Energy Growth Program (REG Program) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq. The Act is designed to facilitate and promote the development of renewable energy distributed generation systems. Under the REG Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive performance based incentive payments pursuant to National Grid's proposed REG Program tariffs, which are currently under review in Docket No. 4589-A. In its Report, the DG Board recommends ceiling prices and renewable energy growth classes which will be eligible for the ceiling prices in the 2016 REG Program year. The DG Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2016 REG Program year, the DG Board recommends that a total of 40 MW be awarded to renewable energy technology classes, consisting of 27.5 MW for competitively bid projects and 12.5 MW for fixed price projects. Similar to 2015, the DG Board recommends a continuous open enrollment for the small solar class with the goal of awarding between 3 and 5.5 MW of capacity to small solar projects in the 2016 REG Program year.,

The proposal may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4589page.html. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 4, 2016