

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSED GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND  
RELIABILITY PLAN FOR FY 2017 - DOCKET NO. 4590

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of a filing by The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid seeking approval of a proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for FY 2017 (Plan). The Plan is designed to enhance the safety and reliability of the Company's natural gas distribution system. The Plan is submitted to comply with the provisions of R.I.G.L. §§39-1-27.7.1, which provides for an annual infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The proposed Plan would account for additional revenues of approximately \$7.5 million that will be collected through the Distribution Adjustment Charge effective April 1, 2016. The bill impact on an average residential heating customer using 846 therms annually would result in an annual increase of \$23.59 or 2.1%. The PUC may approve a different charge that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid. The PUC may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4590page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4590page.html). 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  
January 29, 2016