

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S 2016 RETAIL RATE FILING & 2016 RENEWABLE
ENERGY CHARGE FILING - DOCKET NOS. 4599 & 4556

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 **Monday, March 28, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the PUC will examine National Grid's proposal to implement rate changes contained in the Company's 2016 Retail Rate Filing and 2016 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Charge Filing for effect April 1, 2016. The Company proposes rate changes that arise out of the annual reconciliation of the Company's Standard Offer Service (SOS), the SOS Administrative Adjustment Provision, transmission expenses pursuant to the Transmission Service Cost Adjustment Provision, and the calculation of its transition charge pursuant to its Non-Bypassable Transition Charge Adjustment Provision. These tariff provisions provide for the reconciliation and recovery of actual revenues and expenses incurred by the Company for the period January 2015 through December 2015 and estimated revenues and expenses projected to be incurred from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Additionally, the Company proposes rate adjustments arising out of the reconciliation of the Net Metering Provision, the Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery Provision, and the calculation of the RES Charge.

The combined net impact of the proposed rate changes on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$1.53 from \$92.35 to \$93.88 or approximately 1.6%. The PUC may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid. The PUC may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The filings and proposed rate changes may be examined at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed under the PUC's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket Nos. 4599 and 4556. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island 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.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 18, 2016