

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: ISSUANCE OF ADVISORY OPINION TO THE ENERGY FACILITY SITING REGARDING THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT THE AQUIDNECK ISLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT IN PORTSMOUTH AND MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. 4614

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-11, 42-98-9(d), and 42-98-10, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, September 27, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** in the first-floor hearing room at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

On December 29, 2015, the Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (Siting Board) an application to construct and alter certain of its transmission components in Portsmouth and Middletown, Rhode Island (Project). On May 3, 2016, the Siting Board issued a Notice of Designation to the PUC to render an Advisory Opinion as to the need and cost-justification for the proposed Project. The Advisory Opinion to the Siting Board is due by November 2, 2016. The PUC's Advisory Opinion is not a final decision on the proposed Project.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of need and cost analysis recommendation submitted to the PUC by the parties, including the Division of Planning, the Office of Energy Resources and the Division of Public Utilities regarding the need and cost-justification for National Grid's proposed Project. The PUC will accept public comment at the start of the hearing. Due to the specific PUC mandate under the Energy Facility Siting Act, speakers should limit their comments to the PUC to the need and cost-justification for the proposed Project.

The docket and related information are available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4614page.html. 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 date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
September 16, 2016