

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC :
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID REQUEST :
FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS CAPACITY CONTRACT : DOCKET NO. 4627
AND COST RECOVERY PURSUANT TO :
R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-31-1 TO 9 :

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-11, 39-1-18(c)(4), 42-35-9, the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.8, 1.15, 1.18, and 1.20, the PUC will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM** in Hearing Room A of the PUC office building, located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The subject of the hearing will include the scope of the confidentiality covered by the PUC's preliminary ruling made at an Open Meeting on July 14, 2016 and consideration of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC's (NextEra) Motion to Compel.

The PUC made a preliminary ruling on confidentiality, finding that it would only apply its single standard for confidentiality, but would allow the parties to continue using the two-prong standard adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (D.P.U 16-05) in order to allow the parties to enter into confidentiality agreements. NextEra and The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) have been unable to reach agreement on a confidentiality agreement with regard to the materials marked "highly sensitive." Therefore, NextEra has filed a Motion to Compel.

Chairperson Curran has also reviewed the materials marked as highly sensitive by National Grid and in some instances, it appears that a broad brush may have been applied while in others, it is not intuitively clear how the information redacted falls within the exception to the Access to Public Records Act. Therefore, National Grid should be prepared to address the following with a witness, if necessary:

- (1) Whether the materials in the initial filing were over-redacted.
- (2) Why certain materials on pages 18, 22, 24, and 26 of the Brennan/Allocca testimony and in GJW-1 and GJW-2 should be confidential.
- (3) Why any information related to ratepayer impact should be confidential (e.g., costs, benefits, cost/benefit ratio, and inputs into the proposed tariff).

For purposes of the PUC review of this docket, the scope of the confidentiality needs to be viewed strictly within the parameters of the Access to Public Records Act. For purposes of the disclosure of information to other parties through discovery, Chairperson Curran and/or the PUC will consider PUC Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.18(e) and the Rhode Island Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure.

The docket 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/4627page.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 780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
August 10, 2016