

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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MEMORANDUM

- To: Service List in Docket No. 4627
- From: Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Deputy Chief of Legal Services
- Date: July 13, 2016
- Re: PUC Docket No. 4627 In re: The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Request for Approval of a Gas Capacity Contract and Cost Recovery Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-1 to 9

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Thank you for your participation in yesterday's prehearing conference.

Filing Requirements (all filings need to be emailed to <u>Luly.Massaro@puc.ri.gov</u> and service list): Testimony: Original and 9 hard copies to Luly All other filings: Original and 3 hard copies to Luly

Discovery:

- There will be a 2-week (14-day) response deadline to discovery for discovery issued prior to or on September 2, 2016
- For discovery issued after September 2, 2016, the response deadline to discovery will be one week (7 days)

The PUC will rule on National Grid's request for the classification of confidential material at an open meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM. In Rhode Island, party status in PUC dockets does not automatically allow access to all confidential information. Legal Counsel will be recommending to the PUC that it follow its current procedural rules and not grant two separate levels of confidential treatment. However, National Grid may still mark documents under the two-tier classification, but as is current practice, the parties should be handling the matter by entering into confidentiality agreements to address the need for two tiers of confidentiality.

- 07/29/2016 Intervention Deadline
- 08/02/2016 **6:00 PM Public Comment Hearing at PUC office, Hearing Room A** (notice published June 8, 2016)
- 09/02/2016 Filing of prefiled testimony
- 09/09/2016 Filing of Advisory Opinions by DEM, Commerce, and OER
- 09/15/2016 Last day for issuance of discovery (except for the PUC)
- 09/28/2016 **9:30 AM Rebuttal hearings begin** (direct examination only in response to prefiled testimony)

09/29-30/2016 Rebuttal hearings continue, if necessary10/04/20169:30 AM – Cross examination hearings begin10/05-06/2016 Cross-examination continues, if necessary10/25/2016Open meeting, written decision to follow

cc: Chairperson Curran Commissioner DeSimone Thomas Ahern, Administrator DPUC