

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S
ARREARAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVISION – DOCKET NO. 4651

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Gen. Laws §§39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 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 to add a tariff provision to its electric and gas tariffs to implement an Arrearage Management Program (AMP) pursuant to amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-2-1 and 39-1-27.12 (the Henry Shelton Act). The amendments to the tariff establish an arrearage program for low-income electric and gas ratepayers. The AMP will apply to customers eligible for the federal low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). Such customers will be eligible for enrollment in the AMP if they have been terminated from electric or gas service or are scheduled for actual shut-off of service on a specific date and meet all of the criteria set forth in the Henry Shelton Act. The PUC may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4651page.html. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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