

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2017 &  
2017 SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT REPORT – DOCKET NOS. 4654 & 4655

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island.

In these dockets, the Commission will examine the propriety of proposals to implement rate changes for electric and gas service as submitted in two Settlement Agreements (Agreement) entered between The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Office of Energy Resources, the Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, Acadia Center, People's Power & Light and Emerald Cities of Rhode Island (collectively, the Parties). In Docket No. 4654, the parties seek approval of National Grid's 2017 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EEPP). The Agreement provides National Grid with a budget to implement electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The EEPP is funded through the legislatively mandated Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP) charge that is collected from National Grid's electric and gas customers. The proposed budget for the electric programs is approximately \$94.5 million most of which will be collected through the electric EEP charge of \$0.01108 per kWh for application in the billing months of January through December 2017. The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$39.8 million most of which will be collected through the gas EEP charge of \$0.888 per therm from residential customers and \$0.726 per therm from commercial & industrial customers for application in the billing months of January through December 2017.

In Docket No. 4655, the 2017 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Report, the parties seek approval of National Grid's proposed budget of \$399,302 to continue the sixth and final year of the Load Curtailment Pilot to test the use of targeted energy efficiency and load curtailment by customers, or demand response, as a means of managing local distribution capacity requirements during peak periods. The additional funding is proposed to be collected as an incremental charge of \$0.00002 per kWh included in the electric EEP charge.

If approved, the combined net impact of the electric EEPP and SRP on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$0.25 or 3% per month. The impact of the gas EEPP on a typical residential heating customer using 846 therms per year is an increase of \$12.19 or 1.1% per year. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The proposals are available for examination at the PUC's office. The dockets can also be accessed under the PUC's Docket Menu at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), Docket Nos. 4654 & 4655. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI 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  
November 28, 2016