

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S INTERIM  
GAS COST RECOVERY FILING - DOCKET NO. 4719

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 11:00 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid submitted a proposal to adjust the current Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) factors for effect March 1, 2018. The GCR factors are customer class-specific factors necessary for National Grid to collect sufficient revenues to recover projected gas costs for the period November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. The tariff provision provides that National Grid may request to implement revised GCR factors if the projected deferred gas cost balance exceeds 5 percent of the Company's annual gas cost revenues. National Grid has reported that the projected deferred gas cost balance as of October 31, 2018 to be approximately 24 percent of the total annual gas cost. In this filing, National Grid seeks to implement an increase to the current GCR factors to reduce the deferred gas cost balance projected for October 31, 2018. The proposed revised GCR factors on a per therm cost basis are: \$0.7614 per therm for Residential Heating customers, Small C&I customers, Medium C&I customers, Large Low-Load Factor customers, and Extra Large Low Load Factor customers and \$0.7183 per therm for Residential Non-Heating customers, Large High Load Factor customers, and Extra Large High Load Factor customers. For an average residential heating customer using 396 therms for the period March through October 2018, this represents a total bill increase related to the revised GCR factors of \$94.84, or 15.6 percent, over the currently effective rates. The PUC may approve a different charge that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid.

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/4719page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4719page.html). Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
February 16, 2018