

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

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2018 &  
2018 SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT REPORT – DOCKET NOS. 4755 & 4756

**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 13, 2017 @ 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, Acadia Center and People's Power & Light (collectively, the Parties). In Docket No. 4755, the parties seek approval of National Grid's 2018 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EPPP). 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 EPPP 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 \$94.6 million most of which will be collected through the electric EEP charge of \$0.01000 per kWh for application in the billing months of January through December 2018. The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$28.1 million most of which will be collected through the gas EEP charge of \$0.898 per therm from residential customers and \$0.727 per therm from commercial & industrial customers for application in the billing months of January through December 2018.

In Docket No. 4756, the 2018 System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Report, the parties seek approval of National Grid's proposed budget of \$399,300 to fund the purchase of non-wires alternative resources projects. National Grid proposes a number of efforts aimed at developing and promoting aspects of the Rhode Island System Data Portal. National Grid also proposes a project that consists of the installation of a vendor-owned battery storage unit in Little Compton. National Grid is requesting recovery of these funds and a four-year-commitment to the project funding, subject to additional budget funding requests to be made in the 2019, 2010 and 2121 SRP Reports. The additional funding proposed to be collected for the first year is an incremental charge of \$0.00000 per kWh included in the electric EEP charge.

If approved, the combined net impact of the electric EEP and SRP on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$0.64 or 0.6% per month. The impact of the gas EPPP on a typical residential heating customer using 846 therms per year is an increase of \$0.87 or 0.1% per year. The PUC may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid. The PUC may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

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. 4755 & 4756. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
December 1, 2017