

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S REQUEST FOR : DOCKET NO. 4764
APPROVAL OF EIGHT LONG-TERM RENEWABLE :
ENERGY CONTRACTS :

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE, INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND
HEARING ON MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that Commission Legal Counsel will conduct a **prehearing conference on November 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM** in Hearing Room A at the Commission's office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to develop a procedural schedule for the Commission's review of a November 1, 2017 filing made by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) for approval of eight Long-Term Renewable Energy Contracts (contracts or power purchase agreements) entered into between National Grid and eight contracts with various counterparties.

National Grid has filed for review under the Long Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy (R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-1 to 5) but has offered that the power purchase agreements were solicited pursuant to a New England Clean Energy Request pursuant to authority under the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-1). **The deadline to intervene in this matter is November 17, 2017.**

The Commission will conduct a **hearing on November 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM** to take oral argument on National Grid's Petition for Protective Treatment of Confidential Information. Under the Commission's Rules and Regulations Governing Long-Term Contracting Standards for Renewable Energy section 5.5, "A copy of each executed Long-Term Contract between the Electric Distribution Company and the Renewable Energy Developer shall be filed with the

Commission in its entirety. The entire contract shall be a public contract.” National Grid is seeking a waiver from this rule and has requested confidential treatment of certain information related to pricing and terms of the proposed power purchase agreements. Written objections to the Petition are due on or before November 15, 2017. Attorneys for counterparties to the power purchase agreements will be allowed to provide oral argument at the hearing upon notice to Commission Legal Counsel, Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias, Deputy Chief of Legal Services, no later than November 15, 2017.

National Grid’s filing is available for examination at the PUC’s office. The docket can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4764page.html>. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The PUC may rule on the Company’s Petition for Protective Treatment of Confidential Information immediately following the conclusion of the hearing.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the PUC Clerk’s office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of the hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 2, 2017