

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S
APPLICATION TO CHANGE ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE DISTRIBUTION RATES -
DOCKET NO. 4770

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct hearings on the following dates and locations to accept public comments on National Grid's proposed rate application:

February 8, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Newport City Hall – Council Chambers 43 Broadway Newport, Rhode Island
February 15, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Pawtucket City Hall – Council Chambers 137 Roosevelt Street Pawtucket, Rhode Island
February 22, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Richmond Town Hall – Council Chambers 5 Richmond Townhouse Road Wyoming, Rhode Island
March 1, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Hope High School – Cafeteria 324 Hope Street Providence, Rhode Island
March 8, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Narragansett Town Hall – Council Chambers 25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, Rhode Island
March 15, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.	Public Utilities Commission – Hearing Room A 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island
June 7, 2018 @ 1:30 P.M.	Public Utilities Commission – Hearing Room A 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island

The hearing may continue thereafter from date to date and time to time as required.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of an application by National Grid seeking approval to increase base distribution rates for its electric distribution and gas distribution operations in Rhode Island. As submitted, the Company requests approval of certain ratemaking proposals designed to recover the costs incurred to operate the electric and gas distribution systems on a safe and reliable basis for customers. These proposals include: increased staffing, including positions for new electric and gas workers; computer system upgrades; cost recovery procedures for major storm events; a multi-year, enterprise-wide, gas-operations program that will enhance National Grid's core

gas operating capabilities necessary to support National Grid's U.S. gas distribution business into the future; new programs and services for income-eligible customers and increased investment in current income-eligible customer offerings; and the Energy Innovation Hub located in Providence designed

to expand customer education and outreach and enrich customers' understandings of energy and the options available to them to manage their energy use.

For National Grid Electric, the proposed rates would increase the Company's annual operating revenue by approximately \$41.3 million, or 4.6 percent, with varying impacts on individual customer bills. The monthly bill impact for a typical electric residential customer using 500 kWh per month would be an increase of \$6.66 per month or 6.3 percent. The monthly bill impact on electric commercial and industrial customers will range from an increase of approximately 3 percent to an increase of approximately 9 percent.

For National Grid Gas, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual operating revenue by approximately \$30.3 million or 8.0 percent, with varying impacts on individual customer bills. The annual bill impact for a typical residential gas heating customer consuming 845 therms annually, would be an annual increase of \$66.82 or 5.4 percent. The annual bill impact on gas commercial and industrial customers will range from an increase of approximately 1 percent to approximately 6 percent. The PUC may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The application is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4770page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

These building are 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
May 30, 2018