

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2018 PROPOSALS
BY THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL AND THE RHODE
ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD - DOCKET NO. 4774

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-11 and 39-26.6-1 et seq, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct hearing on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of two proposals submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq., the Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth). The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of 160 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy distributed generation (DG) projects in the State of Rhode Island. In June 2017, the RE Growth Program was expanded with an additional 400 MW over 10 years. Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive compensation pursuant to the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC.

The first proposal submitted by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board), is a Report recommending ceiling prices and renewable energy growth classes which will be eligible for the ceiling prices in the 2018 RE Growth Program year. This is the fourth year in which the DG Board submits its recommendation. The Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The Board recommends classes and eligible system sizes for solar, wind, anaerobic digestion and small scale hydropower. The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2018 Renewable Energy Growth Program year, the Board recommends a total of 40 MW of nameplate capacity be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects.

The second proposal submitted by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, proposes modifications to the Company's RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules. Specifically, National Grid proposes the following revisions to the Tariffs: 1) add a minimum bill credit to value for community remote distributed generation projects, 2) performance metrics to determine the level of remuneration the company may receive for its performance under the RE Growth Program, and 3) change in two definitions in the non-residential tariff.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4774page.html. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 12, 2018