

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2019 – DOCKET NO. 4888

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of a Stipulation and Settlement regarding The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) proposed Energy Efficiency Program Plan for 2019 (2019 Plan). The Settlement, entered between National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Office of Energy Resources, the Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council, Acadia Center and the Green Energy Consumers Alliance (collectively, the Parties), seek approval of the 2019 Plan. The 2019 Plan proposes budgets to implement electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The Plan 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 \$107.5 million, most of which will be collected through a fully reconciling funding mechanism. The proposal would result in an increase to the current \$0.00972 per kWh Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) charge by \$0.00142 per kWh, resulting in a total EEP charge of \$0.01114 per kWh, for effect January 1, 2019. The impact of the proposed electric EEP charge on a monthly bill for a residential Standard Offer Service customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$0.74 or 0.6% per month. The proposed EEP charge includes the incremental cost of -\$0.00001 per kWh to fund projects proposed by the Company in its 2019 System Reliability Procurement Report in Docket No. 4889.

The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$31.6 million, most of which will be collected through a fully reconciling funding mechanism. The proposal would result in a decrease to the current residential \$0.858 per dekatherm charge by \$0.130 per dekatherm, resulting in a total \$0.728 per dekatherm EEP charge for residential gas customers. The plan also proposes a fully reconciling funding mechanism that would decrease the current commercial and industrial \$0.662 charge by \$0.168 per dekatherm, resulting in a total \$0.494 per dekatherm EEP charge for commercial and industrial gas customers. The EEP charge is for effect January 1, 2019. The impact of the proposed gas EEP rate change on an annual bill for a residential heating customer using 845 therms is a decrease of \$11.32 or -0.9%.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4888page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

The PUC is 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  
November 30, 2018