STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: 2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS BY THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID AND RHODE ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD - DOCKET NO. 5202

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-1, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 9:30 A.M**. in Hearing Room A, at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg.

People can participate in person at the PUC's office or in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87522424195</u> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. You will be prompted to enter a name and an email address to enter the meeting. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 875-2242-4195 followed by the # symbol when prompted; you do not need to enter a participant ID when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of proposals submitted by The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq. The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of renewable-energy distributed-generation projects using performance-based incentives. 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 DG Board submitted a Report recommending renewable energy growth classes, tariff term lengths, ceiling prices and capacity targets for the 2022 RE Growth Program year. The DG Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The DG Board recommends renewable energy classes and eligible system sizes for solar, solar – community remote, wind, community remote – wind, anaerobic digestion, and small scale hydropower. The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program year, the Board recommends a total of 61.2 MW of nameplate capacity be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid submitted proposed modifications to the Company's 2022 RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules. Specifically, National Grid proposes to discontinue the Solar Carport Incentive (SCI) which was introduce into the 2020 RE Growth Program, in Docket No. 4983. In doing so, availability portions of the rule and tariffs have been deleted, but certain element of the SCI tariff provision will remain

in place to enable approved and constructed solar carports to be paid their incentive under the tariff. National Grid also proposes a technical correction in the Non-Residential tariff regarding a section reference.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed at <u>http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5202page.html</u>. 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 February 14, 2022