STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

IN RE: REVIEW OF NATIONAL GRID:DOCKET D-17-45(NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC) STORM:PREPAREDNESS AND RESTORATION EFFORTS:RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 29-30, 2017 STORM:

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-4-10, 39-4-11 and 39-4-13 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) will conduct a regulatory review of the preparedness and restoration efforts by National Grid related to the October 29-30, 2017 storm.

As a part of the initial phase of this review, the Division will afford customers and local government officials an opportunity to offer public comment on the issues of National Grid's storm-season preparedness and post-storm efforts to restore electric services to those customers who lost service. This public comment session will take place at the following time and location:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM Hearing Room A 89 Jefferson Blvd Warwick, RI 02888

The Division is also accepting written comment from the public -- please mail your comments to the Commission Clerk at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888 -- Attn: Docket D-17-45 or e-mail comments at the below listed address.

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The purpose of this review is to fully understand the reasons for the scope and duration of the outage that affected over 140,000 customers and to apply any and all lessons learned to future emergencies. In addition to this public comment session, the Division will also be questioning National Grid for information related to their pre-storm and post-storm activities. At the conclusion of this process, the matter may be presented to a Division hearing officer in order to review the record and issue findings and recommendations to the Division's Administrator.

This public comment location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Division Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours (72) in advance of date identified above.

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