



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Join Us on April 6th to Guide the Future of Rhode Island's Electric Grid

-- Notice of a Public Meeting --

In response to the continuing modernization of Rhode Island's electric system Governor Gina M. Raimondo has asked the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Energy Resources and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers to design a new regulatory framework for Rhode Island's electric system.

In her letter to the agencies,¹ the Governor challenged the three agencies to develop a framework that promotes a nimble grid and enables Rhode Islanders to take advantage of new clean energy technologies.

As a first step, the Office of Energy Resources and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers invite all interested parties and members of the public to attend an introductory public meeting.

WHEN: April 6th, 2017 at 9:30am to 11am.

WHERE: 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI, Hearing Room A.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Describe 4 parallel work streams;
2. Solicit opinions from stakeholders and the public; and
3. Inform stakeholders of a first series of technical meetings related to the work streams.

The four work streams are:

- Utility Business Model
 - What functions should the utility perform in the coming decades?
 - How should the utility be compensated for each of the functions it performs?
 - What is the appropriate role of performance metrics in utility compensation and which metrics should drive utility compensation?

¹ See letter appended to this notice.



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- Distribution System Planning
 - What outcomes should distribution system planning promote?
 - What aspects of utility operations should distribution system planning address?
 - How accessible should distribution system planning be to third parties?
- Grid Connectivity Functionality
 - What are the grid-facing and customer-facing functionalities necessary to realize benefits for Rhode Island customers?
 - What scenarios or deployment strategies provide most benefit for Rhode Islanders now and into the future?
- Strategic Electrification of Transportation and Heating
 - What activities are important for the utility to consider and prioritize in developing a plan to encourage growth of beneficial electric vehicles and heating?
 - Are there characteristics unique to the Rhode Island transportation and heating market that should be considered in answering the questions above?

Additional information will be available prior to the meeting. Please register to attend the meeting by sending an email to: Tish DiPrete at tish.diprete@dpuc.ri.gov