

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY PLAN FY 2023 - DOCKET NO. 5210**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is conducting a hearing on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the Commission's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

This docket relates to The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid's Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for fiscal year 2023 (ISR Plan). The ISR Plan is submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7.1 which provides for an annual gas infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The ISR Plan sets forth proposals the Company has identified as necessary to sustain and enhance the safety and reliability of its gas distribution system.

At an Open Meeting on March 29, 2022, the Commission approved a budget for the Company's Gas ISR Plan. The Commission conditionally approved a revenue requirement which included forecasted recovery for main replacements scheduled for FY 2023, to be collected through ISR rates subject to refund and subject to further review of the Company's Proactive Main Replacement Program. At this hearing, the Commission will continue examination of the Company's lag in performance regarding the timing of abandoning leak-prone pipes that are intended to be replaced in the Proactive Main Replacement Program, including a review of the reasons for the lag, the apparent lack of incentive for timely abandonment, and the ratemaking implications relating to the application of the used and useful standard.

The docket, including the Company's ISR Plan and related filings are available for examination at the Commission's office. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventactions/docket/5210page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 23, 2022