

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO MOBILIZE AND OPERATE A LIQUIFIED NATURAL
GAS VAPORIZATION FACILITY AT OLD MILL LANE (PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND)
– DOCKET NO. SB-2021-04

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98 and 42-35 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended, in particular, sections 42-98-7 and 42-98-9, and sections 1.8(a) - (d) and 1.9 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct a preliminary hearing on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 1 PM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid seasonally mobilizes and operates a liquified natural gas (LNG) vaporization facility at property located on Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth, pursuant to a temporary two-year emergency waiver from the licensing requirement of the Energy Facility Siting Act that was granted by the Board in EFSB Docket No. SB-2019-04 on January 8, 2020. The LNG vaporization facility consists of portable equipment owned and operated by National Grid, which is mobilized during the winter season to perform peak-shaving to the natural gas distribution system.

In an application filed with the Board on May 19, 2021, National Grid seeks the approval of the Board to mobilize and operate the LNG vaporization facility at the property without need of further waivers. Per the application, activity at the site begins in November and concludes in April of each year; the facility may also be mobilized at other points throughout the year in the event of natural gas supply disruptions to Aquidneck Island. National Grid’s application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_04.html.

At the preliminary hearing, the Board also will consider the petition for a one-year extension of the facility’s waiver from the licensing requirement of the Energy Facility Siting Act. National Grid filed the petition for waiver extension on May 19, 2021 with their full application. In the petition, National Grid requests a one-year extension of the existing waiver so that it may operate the facility in the winter of 2021/2022 while it completes the EFSB licensing process for future operation of the facility.

Rule 1.9(a) provides that the Board will “convene a preliminary hearing to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating [the] application, to designate those agencies which shall act at the direction of the Board for the purpose of rendering advisory opinions, and to identify those licenses required by the facility which are under the direct control of DEM and CRMC.” The Board will not be taking public comment at this preliminary hearing.

Parties intending to seek intervenor status are directed to the Energy Facility Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, including but not limited to section 1.10 (Intervention) and section 1.4 (Appearances and Practice Before the Board). Pursuant to Rule 1.10(d)(1), motions to intervene are to be filed with the Coordinator at the address above by 4:00 PM EST, Friday, July 23, 2021.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2173, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be streamed live to the public and archived via the internet at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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