

**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 continue its preliminary hearing in SB-2021-04 on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 1 PM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** This hearing will be a continuation of the preliminary hearing commenced by the Board on August 12, 2021. The Board will not accept public comment at this hearing.

Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (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 granted by the Board in Docket No. SB-2019-04 on January 8, 2020. The LNG vaporization facility consists of portable equipment owned and operated by National Grid, 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](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_04.html).

In addition to the application filed in Docket No. SB-2021-04, the Board must also 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.

On August 12, 2021, the Board commenced a preliminary hearing in Docket No. SB-2021-04. Pursuant to Rule 1.9(a), the Board must 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.” In addition, at the August 12, 2021 preliminary hearing, the Board granted the Notice of Intervention filed by the Town of Portsmouth, and the Motions to Intervene filed by the Town of Middletown, Acadia Center, Conservation Law Foundation, Office of the Attorney General, and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

On August 18, 2021, the Board received two filings regarding National Grid’s petition for waiver extension. Acadia Center and Conservation Law Foundation jointly filed Proposed Conditions to Extension for Emergency Waiver, and the Town of Middletown filed an Objection to The Narragansett Electric Company’s Petition for Waiver. In their joint filing, Acadia Center and Conservation Law Foundation request the Board impose a temporary moratorium on new gas connections on Aquidneck Island as a condition of the extension of the emergency waiver. In its own filing, the Town of Middletown requests a hearing to review the appropriateness of granting a waiver extension and asserts that an opportunity is necessary to request conditions for a waiver extension. In response to the issues raised by these filings, the Board will continue its preliminary hearing on August 26, 2021 to address these issues.

All other parties in this case will be invited to comment at the hearing on the issues raised in the aforementioned filings by the Acadia Center, Conservation Law Foundation, and the Town of Middletown. Any party to the proceeding who intends to provide a written response to the pleadings filed by Acadia Center, Conservation Law Foundation, and the Town of Middletown must file their responses electronically by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

At the hearing, the Board may vote on the issues raised in the two filings. Regarding matters relating to scope, advisory opinions, and required licenses that the Board determines in a preliminary hearing (pursuant to Section 1.9(a) of its Rules), the Board may also vote on such matters at the hearing. Alternatively, the Board may continue the preliminary hearing and schedule votes at an open meeting to occur at a later date.

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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