

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

IN RE: Docket SB-2021-04 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Application for a License to Mobilize and Operate a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vaporization Facility at Old Mill Lane (Portsmouth, RI)

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-8 the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will conduct a hearing regarding the above captioned matter on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM** at 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI, Hearing Room A. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to hear testimony and oral argument on noise and safety impacts associated with operation of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vaporization Facility at Old Mill Lane for the winter of 2021-22. The Board will not hear oral public comments at the hearing; however, written public comment can be submitted to the Coordinator at the address below.

Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid seasonally mobilizes and operates a liquefied natural gas (LNG) vaporization facility at property located on Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth during the winter months, pursuant to a temporary waiver from the licensing requirement of the Energy Facility Siting Act granted by the Board in Docket No. SB-2019-04. 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 requested and obtained 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 Board licensing process for future operation of the facility. The Board's order can be found at: [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021\\_SB\\_04/Order\\_150\\_Petition\\_Waiver\\_SB-2021-04.pdf](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_04/Order_150_Petition_Waiver_SB-2021-04.pdf)

In the Order, the Board required the Company to respond to a public comment letter of August 24 submitted by certain residents who live across the street from the facility location, regarding alleged noise impacts of the facility. The Board also required the Company to address the issue of leak detection and monitoring in operation of the facility. On October 1, 2021, the Company filed testimony in compliance with the Order. The Board is holding hearings to consider whether it should impose additional conditions on the waiver for the winter of 2021-22 to mitigate impacts of noise, leaks, or any other impacts on the neighbors living within close proximity to the facilities which the Board finds appropriate and reasonable. The residents who filed the referenced letter also were invited to provide sworn testimony to supplement their letter of August 24 and/or respond to the Company's filing.

The Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Blvd. is accessible to the handicapped. Requests for interpreter services for the hearing impaired must be made to the Coordinator at least seventy-two 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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