

Frequently Asked Questions – Narragansett Electric (National Grid) Aquidneck Island Reliability Project

Q: What is the current status of The Narragansett Electric Company’s (National Grid’s) application with the Board to site, construct, and operate the Aquidneck Island Reliability Project, in Portsmouth and Middletown, Rhode Island?

A: Currently, the application is in the advisory opinion period, during which designated agencies work to render advisory opinions to the Board on specific issues identified by the Board at the Preliminary Hearing. This period ends, and advisory opinions are due on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. During this time, the Board will hold public comment hearings at which members of the public can provide input that the Board will consider prior to making a final decision.¹

Q: How many public comment hearings will there be?

A: The Board is required to have at least one public comment hearing in Portsmouth and one in Middletown. The Board has not scheduled these hearings yet. When hearings are scheduled notices appear in the Providence Journal, at least one local paper, the [Secretary of State open meetings website](#) at www.sos.ri.gov/openmeetings, and the Board’s docket webpage at www.ripuc.org/efsb/2016_SB_1.html.

Q: How can I submit written public comments to the Board?

A: At any time, written public comments can be mailed to the Board at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, 02888, or can be emailed to the Board’s Coordinator at todd.bianco@puc.ri.gov. Please include in a subject line or heading “SB-2016-01 TNEC Aquidneck Island Reliability Project.”

Q: Are any of the docket materials available online?

A: Yes, all docket materials are uploaded as soon as possible to www.ripuc.org/efsb/2016_SB_1.html.

Q: What agencies are rendering advisory opinions?

A. The Board designated thirteen agencies to render advisory opinions:²

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Statewide Planning Program
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (HPHC)
- Portsmouth Planning Board
- Portsmouth Zoning Board of Review
- Portsmouth Building Inspector
- Portsmouth Town Council
- Middletown Planning Board
- Middletown Zoning Board of Review

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Endnotes

1. [EFSA Section 42-98-9.1](#)
2. [See pp 11-16 of Order 91](#)