

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

In Re: Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid : Docket No. SB-2008-2  
Rhode Island Reliability Project :

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AND FINAL HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 42-98-7, 49-98-9.1 and 49-98-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, and Sections 1.8 and 1.12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct public and final hearings on an application of Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for a license to construct and alter major energy facilities in the municipalities of Cranston, Johnston, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Warwick and West Warwick. National Grid requests a Board license for the following components (collectively “the Rhode Island Reliability Project”):

- Relocate and reconstruct two existing 115 kV transmission lines (S-171 and T-172) in National Grid’s existing ROW between West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield and the vicinity of the Kent County Substation in Warwick (20.0 miles).
- Construct a new 345 kV transmission line (359 Line) between the West Farnum Substation and the Kent County Substation (21.4 miles) in the space on the existing ROW created by relocation of the two existing 115 kV transmission lines.
- Install equipment at Kent County Substation to accommodate the new 345 kV line.
- Install equipment at West Farnum Substation to accommodate the new 345 kV line.
- Reconductor the S-171 and T-172 115 kV transmission lines between Hartford Avenue Substation in Johnston and the Johnston Tap Point (1.3 miles) coincident with the reconstruction of the lines.
- Reconductor the G-185N 115 kV transmission line from Kent County Substation to Drumrock Substation (1.0 mile).
- Relocate short segments of the H-17 115 kV transmission line and the 315 and 332 345 kV transmission lines in the vicinity of West Farnum Substation to accommodate the new 345 kV line.
- Relocate a short segment of the B-23 115 kV transmission line to accommodate equipment additions at the West Farnum Substation.
- Relocate short segments of the L-190 and G-185S 115 kV transmission lines to accommodate the equipment additions at the Kent County Substation.

The Board will conduct public hearings on the following dates at the specified locations:

June 16, 2009	North Smithfield H.S., 412 Greenville Rd., North Smithfield
June 24, 2009	Smithfield H.S., 90 Pleasant View Ave., Smithfield
June 25, 2009	Johnston Senior High, 345 Cherry Hill Rd., Johnston
July 7, 2009	Cranston H.S. West, 80 Metropolitan Ave., Cranston

July 8, 2009  
July 9, 2009

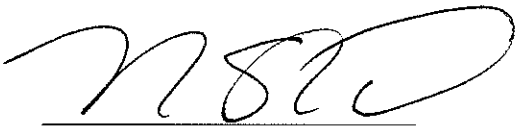
West Warwick H.S., Webster Knight Dr., West Warwick  
Toll Gate H.S., 575 Centerville Rd., Warwick

All public hearings will commence at 6:00 p.m.

The Board will commence Final Hearings on this matter on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick. The hearing may continue thereafter as required. The purpose of this final hearing is to receive testimony and evidence regarding the application of National Grid for a license to construct a major energy facility in the municipalities set forth above. This hearing will provide the Applicant, all interested parties and the public the opportunity to address the issues in this proceeding in a single forum from a consolidated statewide perspective.

Following a preliminary hearing in this docket, the Siting Board designated agencies of state government and political subdivisions of the state to render advisory opinions to the Board on certain issues in this case. The advisory opinions are due to be filed with the Siting Board by June 15, 2009. The application, the advisory opinions and other filings are available for examination at the office of the Board, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. Copies of the application have also been filed with Clerks in the communities that would be affected by the project, as listed above, for public review.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Siting Board's Coordinator office at 941-4500, extension 106, at least seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.



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