

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 PRELIMINARY HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 42-98 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, specifically, Sections 42-98-7, 49-98-9 and 49-98-10, and Section 1.9 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board ("Board") will conduct a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter as required.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing is to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating 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 construct 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 332 345 kV transmission line 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-185 115 kV transmission lines to accommodate the equipment additions at the Kent County Substation.

At the preliminary hearing, the Board may also rule on petitions for interventions, rule on motions and may consider other matters relevant to the issuance of a preliminary decision in this docket. The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is October 23, 2008. The preliminary