

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING MINIMUM
EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN NEW PRODUCTS
SOLD IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

DOCKET NO. 3731

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1, 42-35 and 42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 9:30 A.M.** in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for the purpose of adopting Rules and Regulations Establishing Minimum Efficiency Standards for Certain New Products Sold in the State of Rhode Island in compliance with R.I. General Laws §39-27-1 et seq. and specifically R.I. General Laws §39-27-5.

R.I. General Laws §39-27-5 et seq., as amended, provides that not later than June 1, 2006, regulations be adopted to establish minimum efficiency standards for certain types of new products sold, offered for sale or installed in the State of Rhode.

The regulations will apply to all persons or entities offering for sale or installing in the State of Rhode Island of certain new products that are listed in the rules.

The proposed regulations are on file in the Clerk’s Office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained in person at the Commission, by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 107 or may be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3731page.html.

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views, or arguments on the proposed regulations may do so either orally, on the day of the hearing, or in writing, by submitting their comments to the Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. 02888. In addition, written comments will be accepted at the above address until 4:00 P.M. on April 10, 2006. An original and nine (9) copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-35-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18, 39-1-38 and 39-26-1 et seq.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
March 8, 2006