

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID PROPOSED
GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

DOCKET NO. 3790

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In compliance with enacted law "The Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act of 2006", National Grid (the "Company") filed a proposal to implement Gas Energy Efficiency Programs for Rhode Island in 2007. The proposal establishes the implementation of a Gas Energy Efficiency Surcharge of \$0.063 per therm for all natural gas users effective January 1, 2007. The surcharge will initiate funding and implementation of energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The proposed surcharge will represent an annual increase of \$6.51 to a residential heating customer using 1,035 therms per year. On December 19, 2006, the Commission approved the National Grid's proposed surcharge on an interim basis pending full examination of the proposed Gas Energy Efficiency Programs and final order.

At this hearing the Commission will examine the propriety of the Company's programs as well as a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement that was jointly submitted and entered into by National Grid, the RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, the RI Office of Energy Resources, the Energy Consumers Alliance of New England, Inc. d/b/a

People's Power and Light and Environment Northeast (the "Parties"). The Settlement addresses all issues raised by the Parties and seeks approval of the Company's gas energy efficiency programs and services for years 2007 and 2008 with an overall projected budget of \$7.5 million. The Parties also request that the Commission authorize the Company to increase the surcharge to \$0.114 per therm effective July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

The docket and related documents may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of the National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3790page.html.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
April 20, 2007