

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: AFFORDABLE ENERGY PLANS FILED BY : DOCKET NOS. 3804 & 3806
NATIONAL GRID, PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT :
AND BLOCK ISLAND POWER CO. :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1, 39-1-27.10 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 24, 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 these dockets, the Commission will examine the propriety of filings submitted by National Grid, Pascoag Utility District and Block Island Power Co. (collectively, the “Utilities”) seeking approval of their respective proposed Affordable Energy Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan is filed to compliance with enacted law “The Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act of 2006”. The law contemplates the establishment of the Affordable Energy Fund (the “Fund”) that will be used to fund various programs to assist low income customers of electric and gas utilities. The Fund will be administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. Through the allocation of the Funds, the Utilities proposed discounted low income rate for low income households, and an arrearage forgiveness program as well as other programs for low income households.

The filings may be examined at the Commission’s office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. The filings can also be accessed on www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket.html, Docket No. 3804 and Docket No. 3806.

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, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

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
April 13, 2007