

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2010

DOCKET NO. 4116

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The technical session may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) jointly submitted by National Grid (“Company”), the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, The Energy Council of Rhode Island, the Energy Consumers Alliance of New England d/b/a People’s Power and Light and Environment Northeast seeking approval of National Grid’s Energy Efficiency Program Plan (“EEPP”) for 2010. The Settlement provides the Company with a budget to implement gas and electric energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The EEPP is funded through a statutory-based Demand Side Management (“DSM”) charge. The proposed budget for the electric programs is approximately \$43.9 million and will be collected through the electric DSM charge of \$0.0038 per kWh for application in the billings months of January through December 2010. The proposed DSM charge represents an increase of \$0.0006 from the currently effective DSM charge. The impact on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would be an increase of \$0.30 per month from \$1.60 to \$1.90.

The proposed budget for the gas programs is approximately \$5.6 million and will be collected through the currently effective gas DSM charge of \$0.015 per therm for application in the billings months of January through December 2010. This represents an annual charge of \$13.83 on a typical residential heating customer using 922 therms per year. The Commission may approve a different rate that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is November 24, 2009. Intervenor’s written comments are due December 1, 2009. The Settlement and related documents may be examined at the Commission’s office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission’s Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4116.

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.

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
November 20, 2009