

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S GAS COST RECOVERY FILING : DOCKET NO. 4283
AND DISTRIBUTION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE FILING : DOCKET NO. 4269

NOTICE OF HEARING

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 **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 @ 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 ("NGrid") seeking to implement revised rates and charges effective November 1, 2011. In Docket No. 4283, NGrid filed to decrease the Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") charge for all customer classes. The GCR charge allows the Company to reconcile and recover its estimated costs for gas supplies, including the cost of pipeline transportation and storage capacity. The proposed GCR factors on a per therm cost basis are: \$0.7487 for Residential Non-Heat customers and both Large and Extra Large High Load customers; and \$0.7929 for Residential Heat customers, Small and Medium C&I customers; both Large Low Load and Extra Large Low Load customers; \$0.0369 for FT-2 Marketers; and \$0.6193 for Natural Gas Vehicles.

In Docket No. 4269, NGrid filed to decrease the Distribution Adjustment Clause ("DAC") factors. The DAC allows the Company to annually reconcile and recover the costs of identifiable special programs, as well as to facilitate the timely rate recognition of incentive provisions. The proposed DAC factors on a per therm cost basis are: \$0.0196 for Residential Non-Heating and Residential Non-Heating Low Income customers; \$0.0130 for Residential Heating and Residential Heating Low Income customers; \$0.0141 for Small C&I customers; \$0.0113 for Medium C&I customers; \$0.0108 for Large Low Load customers; \$0.0096 for Large High Load customers; \$0.0080 for Extra Large Low Load customers; and \$0.0074 for Extra Large High Load customers.

If approved, the combined net bill impact of the GCR and DAC charges on a typical residential heating customer using 922 therms per year would be an annual decrease of \$107 or 8% from \$1,379 to \$1,272. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid.

The filings may be examined at the Commission's office and at the office of the National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, R.I. The filings can also be accessed on the Commission's Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4283 and Docket No. 4269. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
October 14, 2011