

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: RI OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES' DISTRIBUTED GENERATION
CONTRACTS CLASSES AND CEILING PRICES FOR 2011 FILING AND
STANDARD CONTRACT FORM FILING - DOCKET NO. 4288

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS RULES - DOCKET NO. 4277

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a Technical Session on **Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 9:00 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.

The purpose of this technical session is twofold. First, the RI Office of Energy Resources will explain the specifics of the Ceiling Prices Filing and the Standard Contract Form that were filed with the Commission on September 27, 2011 and October 12, 2011, respectively. These filings are submitted in compliance with The Distributed Generations Standard Contracts Act enacted on June 29, 2011 (R.I.G.L. 39-26.2-1 et seq.) ("Act"). The Act is designed to support and encourage the development of distributed renewable energy generation systems and requires OER to file a recommendation and report proposing ceiling prices and annual targets for each renewable energy class of distributed generation for the 2011 program year and annually thereafter by October 15. The Act also requires OER, through a Working Group, to develop DG Standard Contracts to be used by the electric distribution company in meeting the statutory obligation of entering into DG Standard Contracts for an aggregate nameplate capacity of at least forty megawatts (40 MW) by the end of 2014.

Second, National Grid will explain the details of its proposed Distributed Generation Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules, and Revised Distributed Generation Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules & Responses to Comments that were filed with the Commission on August 31, 2011 and October 28, 2011, respectively. These Application and Rules are submitted in compliance with the Act. The Act requires National Grid to enter into standard contracts for an aggregate nameplate capacity of at least 40 MW of distributed generation projects by the end of 2014. The proposed Application and Rules will govern National Grid's solicitation process, enrollment process and eligibility requirements for applicants seeking to enter into standard contracts for the supply of electric capacity and energy and Renewable Energy from eligible Distributed Generation projects pursuant to the provisions the Act.

The proposals may be examined at the Commission's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4288 and Docket No. 4277. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 7, 2011