

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

IN RE: FILINGS BY NATIONAL GRID  
2012 ANNUAL RETAIL RATE FILING AND  
2012 RENEWABLE ENERGY CHARGE FILING

DOCKET NO. 4314  
DOCKET NO. 4227

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a hearing on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 10:00 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 this docket, the Commission will examine National Grid’s proposal to implement rate changes contained in the Company’s 2012 Annual Retail Rate Filing and 2012 Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) Charge Filing for effect April 1, 2012. The Company’s filings propose rate changes that arise out of the reconciliation of the Company’s Standard Offer Service (“SOS”), the SOS Administrative Adjustment Provision, transmission expenses pursuant to the Transmission Service Cost Adjustment Provision, the calculation of its transition charge pursuant to its Non-Bypassable Transition Charge Adjustment Provision and the calculation of the RES Charge. The tariff provisions provide for the reconciliation and recovery of actual revenues and expenses incurred by the Company for the period January 2011 through December 2011 and estimated revenues and expenses projected to be incurred from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012. Additionally, the Company is proposing revisions to the Net Metering Provision and Qualifying Facilities for Purchase Power Rate to clarify that the costs incurred pursuant to those provisions will be recovered from all customers through a uniform per kWh charge included in the distribution charge on customers’ bills.

If approved, the combined net impact of the proposed rate changes on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$3.83 from \$73.96 to \$77.79 or approximately 5.2%. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by National Grid. The Commission may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The filings and proposed rate changes 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 under the Commission’s Docket Menu at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), Docket Nos. 4314 and 4227. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
March 15, 2012