

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

IN RE: RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2017 PROPOSALS  
BY THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL AND THE RHODE  
ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD - DOCKET NO. 4672

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-11 and 39-26.6-1 et seq, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct hearing on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of two proposals submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq., the Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth). The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of 160 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy distributed generation (DG) projects in the State of Rhode Island over a five-year period using performance-based incentives. Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive compensation pursuant to the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC.

The first proposal submitted by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board), is a Report recommending ceiling prices and renewable energy growth classes which will be eligible for the ceiling prices in the 2017 RE Growth Program year. The Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The Board recommends classes and eligible system sizes for solar, wind, anaerobic digestion and small scale hydropower. The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2017 Renewable Energy Growth Program year, the Board recommends a total of 40 MW of total nameplate capacity be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects.

The second proposal submitted by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, proposes modifications to the Company's RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Rules. In addition to the tariffs and rules changes, National Grid proposes: 1) a provision for Community Remote Distributed Generation which will enable residential and non-residential customers to receive a specified Bill Credit (as defined in the tariffs) on a per kWh basis from a renewable generation with a nameplate capacity greater than two hundred fifty kilowatts (250 kW) located elsewhere in the state, similar to if the solar was located at their home or business, and 2) provisions for Shared Solar which will allow customers in multi-family, multi-business and campus/multi-building setting to more flexibly install and share the benefits from nearby solar PV facilities up to 250 kW DC in size. National Grid also proposes voluntary program changes, specifically, the inclusion of a Zero Energy Building Rate Option and changes to the Company's SolarWise program.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4672page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4672page.html). Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk  
January 23, 2017