

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY
PLAN FOR FY 2018 - DOCKET NO. 4678

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on **Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of a filing by The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid seeking approval of a proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for fiscal year 2018 (Plan). The Plan is designed to enhance the safety and reliability of the Company's natural gas distribution system. The Plan is submitted to comply with the provisions of R.I.G.L. §39-1-27.7.1, which provides for an annual infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending needed to maintain and upgrade the Company's gas delivery system pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The proposed Plan would account for additional revenues of \$10,964,501 that will be collected through the Distribution Adjustment Charge for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. The bill impact on an average residential heating customer using 846 therms annually would result in an annual increase of \$30.74 or 2.7%. The PUC may approve a different charge that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid. The PUC may rule immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4678page.html. 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
February 7, 2017