

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT FILED BY BLOCK ISLAND  
POWER COMPANY - DOCKET NO. 4688

**NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(b) and 39-1-1, the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) hereby gives notice that on **Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.**, in Hearing Room A at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, it will conduct a hearing for the purpose of taking oral arguments on the Block Island Power Company's (BIPCo) Petition for Declaratory Judgment seeking a ruling that the PUC issue a judgment declaring that interconnection costs and the standby transformer costs must be socialized by National Grid to all Rhode Island electric ratepayers and should not be imposed solely on BIPCo and its ratepayers. BIPCo's Petition is the result of a dispute that has arisen between BIPCo and National Grid with regard to the Deepwater Wind Project. Specifically, BIPCo seeks to socialize the costs associated with the construction of the Block Island interconnections and the cost of purchasing a backup transformer in the event the transformer at the new substation on Block Island fails. The PUC may rule on the Petition immediately at the conclusion of the hearing.

The docket, including BIPCo's Petition and responsive pleadings are available for examination at the PUC's office. The docket can also be accessed under the PUC's website at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4688page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4688page.html). Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
April 24, 2017