

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S FY 2021
GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY PLAN - DOCKET NO. 4996

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 **Thursday, February 27, 2020 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

In this docket, the PUC will examine a filing by The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid (Company) seeking approval of a proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for fiscal year 2021 (ISR Plan). The ISR Plan is submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7.1 which provides for an annual gas 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 pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The proposed ISR Plan addresses capital spending on gas infrastructure and other costs related to the maintaining the safety and reliability of the Company's gas distribution system. The proposed ISR Plan would account for additional revenues of \$22,761,529 million that will be collected through the Distribution Adjustment Charge for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The bill impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually would result in an annual bill increase of \$46.08 or 3.8%. The PUC may approve a different charge that may be higher or lower than that proposed by National Grid.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventactions/docket/4996page.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 17, 2020