

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S
STANDARDS FOR CONNECTING DISTRIBUTED GENERATION TARIFF FILING
DOCKET NO. 5077**

WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) gives notice that Commission Staff will conduct a workshop at its offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island on **May 26, 2021 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A. The workshop will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid submitted, on October 22, 2020, a tariff filing to amend the Company's electric tariff entitled Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation, R.I.P.U. C. No. 2244 (Tariff). The proposed Tariff supersedes the current tariff R.I.P.U.C No. 2180. The proposed electric tariff revisions address some of the ongoing challenges related to the interconnection of distributed generation in Rhode Island in accordance with the Distributed Generation Interconnection standards, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.3-4.1.

A PUC technical session was conducted on February 16, 2021. At the time, there were still issues in dispute between certain parties. National Grid reached a consensus about certain language in the Tariff with the Division of Public Utilities (Division), the Office of Energy Resources (OER) and the Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC). On April 20, 2021, National Grid filed revised proposed consensus tariff revisions, including a summary and rationale for the proposed revisions to the Tariff and references to the applicable sections of the Tariff. The consensus document included new provisions that had not previously been identified in the proposed Tariff. At this workshop, Commission Staff will seek to understand the need, purpose, and details of these new proposals from both the interconnecting customer/developer perspective, the Company's perspective, as well as the other parties in order to hopefully avoid disputes over the application of the language to different scenarios. Commissioners will not participate in this technical session.

There is one outstanding issue upon which consensus has not been reached. That will be the subject of an evidentiary hearing on the Tariff and will not be a topic at this workshop.

The filing is available for examination at the PUC's office and on the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5077page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 20, 2021