

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

IN RE: REVIEW OF PREPAREDNESS AND RESTORATION :
EFFORTS BY THE STATE'S ELECTRIC UTILITY :
COMPANIES RELATED TO THE RECENT DAMAGES : DOCKET NO. D-11-94
SUSTAINED FROM TROPICAL STORM IRENE :

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-4-10, 39-4-11 and 39-4-13 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) will conduct a regulatory review of the preparedness and restoration efforts by the State's mainland electric utilities related to the recent damages sustained from Tropical Storm Irene.

The Division's review will not be associated with any of the meetings that National Grid has recently announced that it will be having with various governmental agencies.

As part of the initial phase of this review, the Division will afford customers and local governmental officials an opportunity to offer public comment on the issues of mainland electric utilities' storm-season preparedness and post-storm efforts to restore electric services to those customers who lost service. These public comment sessions will take place at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM
South Kingstown Town Hall – Council Chambers
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879

Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Division Hearing Room A
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick RI 02888

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Pawtucket City Hall – Council Chambers
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thursday October 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Middletown Town Hall – Council Chambers
350 East Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

As with any significant disruption in electric service, the purpose of this review is to fully understand the reasons for the scope and duration of the outages; and to apply any and all lessons learned to future emergencies. In addition to public comment sessions, the Division will also be questioning the State's mainland electric utilities for information related to their pre-storm and post-storm activities. At the conclusion of this process a formal evidentiary hearing will be held before a Division hearing officer who will review the record and issue findings and recommendations to the Division's Administrator.

These public comment locations are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Division Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of dates identified above.

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