

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

**IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS)
GOVERNING DIGITAL FILINGS AND)
WEBSITE INFORMATION REQUIRED)
UNDER R.I.G.L. §39-1-18)**

DOCKET NO. D-03-8

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.Gen.Laws §§39-1-3(b), 39-1-15, 39-3-33 and 42-35-3, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (hereinafter "Division") will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, June 5, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Division hearing room located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations designed to assist the Division in implementing the requirements of Rhode Island General Laws, Section 39-1-18, as newly amended.

Rhode Island General Laws, Section 39-1-18, as amended, provides that "[e]ffective as of September 1, 2003, all filings made to the division or [the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission] shall also be provided digitally in a manner established by the division". Section 39-1-18, as amended, further requires the Division to "maintain a site on the internet" through which the public may access specific information about hearing and open meeting notices and other regulatory activities of the Division and the Public Utilities Commission. The proposed rules and regulations provide the details regarding how the Division will implement the aforementioned requirements.

The proposed rules and regulations are on file in the Clerk's Office at the Division, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. Copies of the proposed rules and regulations may be obtained in person at the Division, or by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 107, and providing a mailing address. The proposed rules and regulations are also available on the Division's website www.ripuc.org/rules/dpu-regs.html

The Division does not believe that the proposed rules and regulations will have a significant adverse economic impact on any small business or on any city or town.

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views, or arguments on the proposed rules and regulations may do so either orally, on the day of the hearing, or in writing, by submitting their comments to the following address prior to the date of the hearing:

Luly E. Massaro, Division Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Reference is also made to R.I.Gen.Laws Chapters 42-35 and 39-1, specifically, §§42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-25-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-15 and 39-1-38.

THE DIVISION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION BY CALLING 941-4500, EXT. 107, SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

Luly Massaro
Division Clerk
May 1, 2003