

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

In Re: The Narragansett Electric Company

d/b/a National Grid

Docket No. SB

2005-1

(Southern Rhode Island Transmission Project)

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES
AND
NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**

The Energy Facility Siting Board will conduct hearings for the purpose of receiving public comment on the application of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a/ National Grid for a license to construct and alter major energy facilities as described below in the municipalities of Warwick, East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Exeter, South Kingstown and Charlestown. The public comment hearings will take place at these dates, times and places:

9/13 East Greenwich, 7:00 PM, East Greenwich Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI

9/14 South Kingstown, 7:00 PM, West Kingston Elementary School,

3119 Ministerial Road, South Kingstown (West Kingstown), RI

9/19 Warwick, 7:00 PM, Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI

9/21 Exeter, 7:00 PM, Exeter Public Library, 773 Ten Rod Road, Exeter, RI

9/26 Charlestown, 7:00 PM, Charlestown Elementary School, 363 Carolina Back Road, Charlestown, RI

9/27 North Kingstown, 7:00 PM, Stony Lane Elementary School, 825 Stony Lane, North Kingstown, RI

The Energy Facility Siting Board will commence Final Hearings in this same matter on October 18th at 9:30 at the main hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick. The final hearing will be carried out pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 42-98 and 42-35 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended, in particular, sections 42-35-3, 42-98-7, and 42-98-11 and section 1.12 of the Siting Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The hearing may continue thereafter as required.

National Grid requests a Board license for the following components collectively called the Southern Rhode Island Transmission Project:

- Reconductor the existing L-190 115 kV transmission line from the Kent County Substation to the Old Baptist Road Tap Point (5.3 miles**

in Warwick, East Greenwich and North Kingstown);

- Construct a new L-190 115 kV transmission line extension from Old Baptist Road Tap Point to the West Kingston Substation on an existing right of way (“ROW”) (12.3 miles in East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Exeter, and South Kingstown);**
- Reconductor the existing 1870N 115 kV transmission line from the West Kingston Substation to the Kenyon Substation (4.3 miles in South Kingstown and Charlestown);**
- Reconductor the existing 1870 115 kV transmission line from the Kenyon Substation to the Wood River Substation (3.9 miles in Charlestown);**
- Construct two new 115 kV Tap Lines between the existing G-185S ROW and a new Tower Hill Substation (0.75 miles in North Kingstown);**
- Construct a new 115-12.47 kV low-profile substation in the vicinity of Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown to be supplied by the 115 kV transmission tap lines; and**
- Upgrade existing 115 kV equipment, add new 115 kV equipment and expand the existing 115 kV switchyard at the West Kingston Substation in South Kingstown to accommodate the new L-190 115 kV transmission line extension.**

The Siting Board considers applications for licenses to construct major energy facilities under chapters 42-98 and 42-35 of the General

Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended. Section 42-98-9.1 of the General Laws requires that the Board conduct at least one public hearing in each municipality which would be affected by construction of a major energy facility prior to holding its own hearings and prior to taking final action on an application. At the hearing the applicant will make a presentation outlining the project as described in Sections 42-98-8(A)(1) through (A)(6) of the General Laws. Following the presentation any person who wishes to make a statement will be heard.

Following the preliminary hearing in this docket, the Siting Board designated agencies of state government and political subdivisions of the state to render advisory opinions to the Board on certain issues. The advisory opinions were due to be filed with the Board on September 5th. These advisory opinions, the application and other filings in the docket are on file at the offices of the Energy Facility Siting Board in the Public Utilities Commission Building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI and a copy of the application has been placed with the Clerks in the communities that would be affected by the project as listed above. The public is welcome to review the filing at any of these places.

The venues for the hearings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Siting Board Coordinator's office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick 941-4500 extension 157, at least 72 Hours in

advance of the hearing.

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Energy Facility Siting Board

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