

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

**In Re: Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid : Docket
No. SB-2012-1**

Interstate Reliability Project :

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 42-98 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, specifically, Sections 42-98-7 and 42-98-9 and Section 1.9 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter as required.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing is to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating an application of Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for a license to construct and alter major energy facilities in the municipalities of Burrillville and North Smithfield. National Grid requests a Board license for the following components (collectively the Interstate Reliability Project):

- **Construct a new 345 kV transmission line (366 Line) in North Smithfield between the Massachusetts/Rhode Island border and the West Farnum Substation (4.8 miles) in the existing right of way (“ROW”).**
- **Construct a new 345 kV transmission line (341 Line) in North Smithfield and Burrillville between the West Farnum Substation and the Rhode Island/Connecticut border (17.7 miles) in the existing ROW.**
- **Reconstruct and reconductor an existing 345 kV transmission line (328 Line) between the West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield and the Sherman Road Switching Station in Burrillville (9.2 miles) in the existing ROW.**
- **Reconstruct the Sherman Road Switching Station in Burrillville on property owned in fee by National Grid and retire the existing switching station.**
- **Reconstruct and realign 0.25 miles of an existing 345 kV transmission line (333 Line) in the existing ROW in Burrillville in the vicinity of the Sherman Road Switching Station.**
- **Reconstruct and realign 0.25 miles of an existing 345 kV transmission line (3361 Line) in the existing ROW in Burrillville in the vicinity of the Sherman Road Switching Station.**
- **Reconstruct and realign 0.25 miles of an existing 345 kV transmission line (347 Line) in the existing ROW in Burrillville in the vicinity of the Sherman Road Switching Station.**
- **Replace structures along an existing 115 kV transmission line (B-23 Line) between the West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield and the Sherman Road Switching Station in Burrillville in the existing**

ROW to accommodate the new 341 Line and the reconstructed 328 Line.

- Reconstruct and realign an existing 115 kV transmission line (T-172N Line) in North Smithfield near the West Farnum Substation to accommodate the new 345 kV line.**

At the preliminary hearing, the Board may also rule on petitions for interventions, rule on motions and may consider other matters relevant to the issuance of a preliminary decision in this docket. The deadline to file a Motion to Intervene as a party in this docket is September 4, 2012. The preliminary decision will identify those agencies of state and municipal government which will be directed to supply advisory opinions to the Board. Final hearings and hearings in the affected communities will be scheduled by the Board following completion of the advisory opinions.

The application is available for examination at the Office of the Energy Facility Siting Board at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. Copies of the application have also been filed with Clerks in the communities that would be affected by the project as listed above. The public may review the filing at any of these places.

The Public Utilities Commission offices are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Siting Board's Coordinator at (401)

941-4500, extension 106, at least seventy-two hours in advance of the hearing date.

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Energy Facility Siting Board

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