

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 PUBLIC AND FINAL HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 42-98-7 and 42-98-9.1 and 42-98-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, and Sections 1.8 and 1.12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct public and final hearings on 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 North Smithfield and Burrillville. 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.

The Board will conduct public hearings on the following dates at the specified locations:

April 30, 2013	Kendall Dean School Auditorium, 83 Green Street, North Smithfield, Rhode Island
May 2, 2013	Burrillville Town Hall - Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, Rhode Island.

All public hearings will commence at 6:00 p.m.

The Board will commence Final Hearings on this matter on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick. The hearing may continue thereafter as required. The purpose of this final hearing is to receive testimony and evidence regarding the application of National Grid for a license to construct a major energy facility in the municipalities set forth above. This hearing will provide the Applicant, all interested parties and the public the opportunity to address the issues in this proceeding in a single forum from a consolidated statewide perspective.

Following a 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 in this case. The advisory opinions are due to be filed with the Siting Board by April 10, 2013. The application, the advisory opinions and other filings are available for examination at the office of the Board, 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, for public review.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Siting Board's Coordinator at (401) 780-2106 at least seventy-two hours in advance of the hearing date.

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Energy Facility Siting Board
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