

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: REVIEW OF PROPOSED : DOCKET NO. 4111
TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM PROJECT :
PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.1-7 :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1-1 and 42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a public hearing on **Friday, March 26, 2010 @ 10:30 A.M.** in the Town of New Shoreham’s Council Chambers located at 16 Old Town Road, New Shoreham, Rhode Island. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments on National Grid’s proposed Town of New Shoreham Project pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-26.1-7.

This docket relates to the Commission examination of a filing by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) made pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-7. In the filing, National Grid seeks Commission review of a Purchase Power Agreement (“PPA”) between National Grid and Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC for the development of a renewable energy resources project of 30 megawatts or less that includes a proposal to enhance the electric reliability and environmental quality of the Town of New Shoreham (“Project”) including provisions for an undersea transmission cable that would interconnect the Town of New Shoreham and the mainland of Rhode Island. The total estimated cost expected to be paid under the PPA between National Grid and Deepwater is approximately \$700 million over a twenty-year term. The PPA includes a unit price of 24.4¢ per kWh for bundled renewable energy supplies in 2013, which is the first full year of expected operation for the Project. Under the PPA, this price will escalate at a rate of 3.5% annually. If the PPA is approved, the various costs associated with the Project will be recovered from all ratepayers of National Grid and Block Island Power Company in accordance with future Commission decisions under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1 et seq. and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11. This docket will not address the cost allocation between the ratepayers of National Grid and Block Island Power Company.

The filing may be examined at the Commission’s office and at the office of National Grid, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can be accessed at www.ripuc.org, under the Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4111.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35, 39-1, 39-26.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18, 39-1-38, 39-26.1-2, 39-26.1-3, 39-26.1-4, 39-26.1-5, 39-26.1-6 and 39-26.1-7.

The Town of New Shoreham is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk’s office at 401-780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 19, 2010