

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND COMMISSION'S
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC,
GAS AND WATER UTILITY SERVICE

DOCKET NO. 1725

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a Technical Session on **Thursday, October 27, 2011 @ 1:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the Commission received a request from the RI Office of Energy Resources ("OER") requesting that the Commission temporarily modify the Commission's rules governing the termination of gas and electric utility service. OER requests that the Commission modify the rules to allow LIHEAP eligible households to restore their gas and electric service with a 10% down payment of the customer's unpaid balance for the 2012 home heating season. The Commission is conducting this Technical Session to (1) allow the Office of Energy Resources to explain and clarify its request, including policy implications; (2) to discuss the status of implementing R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1(d)(2) (three year plan with arrearage forgiveness component); (3) to consider policy implications of the Commission's 2008, 2009 and 2010 Emergency Regulations requiring down payments of 10%, 15% and 25% under certain conditions and whether such alternative may be reasonable.

OER's Request Letter is on file for examination at the Commission's office. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

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Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
October 19, 2011