

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2012 PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AUCTION PROCEEDS

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources proposes the “2012 Plan for The Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds” and gives notice of intent to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Plan and to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally and/or in writing on the proposed Plan.

The public hearing will be held on April 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, Second Floor of the Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island. The hearing room is accessible to the handicapped. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made. The Department will provide interpreter services for the hearing impaired, provided such a request is made at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing date. Requests for such services may be made in writing or by calling TTY (711) or (401) 222-5300.

The proposed 2012 Allocation Plan allocates and distributes 2011 auction proceeds from the Rhode Island Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Program. Copies of the proposed 2012 Plan and can be obtained at the Office, at www.energy.ri.gov, or by calling (401)

574-9105 weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or by writing to:

**Rhode Island Department of Administration
Office of Energy Resources
One Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island**

The Department encourages the submission of written comments. Written comments may be submitted by mail prior to the date of the public hearing at the address indicated above, or by hand-delivery during the public hearing. The public record will be kept open for ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of the public hearing to allow additional time for the submission of written comments.

Signed this 19th day of March 2013.

**Marion S. Gold, Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources**