

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID AND CLEAR RIVER ENERGY, LLC'S JOINT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT THE BURRILLVILLE INTERCONNECTION PROJECT IN BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2017-01

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98 and § 42-35, in particular, § 42-98-7 and § 42-98-9, and Rules 1.8(a) - (d) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will conduct a public preliminary hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 1:00 PM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

In an application filed with the Board on February 22, 2017, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Clear River Energy, LLC jointly seek the approval of the Board to site and construct the Burrillville Interconnection Project, a transmission project including the construction of 6.8 miles of new overhead transmission lines, rebuilding or realignment to two 1.6-mile sections of existing transmission lines, and realignment a 280-foot portion of an existing line at the Sherman Road Switching Station, and related work. The facility's intended use and size meet the definition of a "major energy facility" pursuant to Rule 1.2(p). The application is on file and available for public review at the offices of the Board at the Public Utilities Commission office building and at www.ripuc.org/efsb.

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-98-9, the Board will convene a Preliminary Hearing to determine the issues to be considered in evaluating the application, to designate agencies of state government and of political subdivisions of the state that shall render advisory opinions on these issues, and to determine petitions for intervention. Per Rule 1.9(a), the Board must also identify licenses required for the facility that are under the direct control of the Department of Environmental Management and the Coastal Resources Management Council. The Board may rule on these matters at the hearing. Public comment will not be heard at this preliminary hearing.

Parties seeking intervenor status are directed to the Rules for procedure, including Rules 1.4 and 1.10. Pursuant to Rule 1.10(d)(1), motions to intervene are to be filed with the Coordinator at the address above by 4:00 PM EDT, Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2106, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

Todd Anthony Bianco, Coordinator
RI Energy Facility Siting Board
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