

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID – ELECTRIC AND GAS : DOCKET NOS. 4770 & 4780
DISTRIBUTION RATE FILING :

WORKSHOP NOTICE

(Rescheduled from March 4, 2019)

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a workshop at its offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island on **April 9, 2019 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.** in Hearing Room A. The workshop will review the work being conducted by the Power Sector Transformation (PST) Advisory Group which was created in the Amended Settlement approved by the PUC on August 24, 2018 in this docket. The Amended Settlement contemplated periodic meetings with the PUC on the work of the PST Advisory Group. This is the first such meeting. The workshop will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

On January 14, 2019, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid filed a letter providing an update on the work of the PST Advisory Group. This meeting will seek additional information on the work highlighted in that update plus any additional information resulting from a January 31, 2019 meeting of the full PST Advisory Group and subsequent subcommittee meetings. It will also be an opportunity for PST Advisory Group members to advise the PUC of areas where it may be seeking clarification of PUC expectations for future filings. Any such direction will be provided at a future open meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Energy Storage Subcommittee – National Grid will provide an update, including the status of storage RFP(s). Other members of the subcommittee will also be given an opportunity to provide information. (approximately 15 minutes)
3. Electric Transportation Subcommittee – National Grid will provide an update. Other members of the subcommittee will also be given an opportunity to provide information. (approximately 15 minutes)
4. Grid Modernization Plan (GMP)/Advanced Metering Functionality (AMF) Subcommittee – National Grid will provide information to address the following questions and areas of interest, with an opportunity for input from other members of the subcommittee. National Grid has stated its goal for the workshop is to give the PUC an idea of what Company envisions GMP and AMF filing(s) will look like and its approach to take in that filing. The PUC has also identified the following specific areas of interest:

- a. Address what the subcommittee has done to date and where the subcommittee sees itself going in future.
 - b. Was the approach of the parties to start with the conclusion that Advanced Metering Functionality is needed and working the Grid Modernization Plan into Advanced Metering Functionality or was the approach to start with development of a Grid Modernization Plan and determine whether and how Advanced Metering Functionality might be included?
 - i. What were the agreed premise(s) upon which to start for each proposal?
 - c. What are we trying to achieve and is AMF needed to get us there?
 - d. Is the group addressing the risks if something goes badly?
 - e. Has the GMP subcommittee considered microgrids as part of its discussions?
 - f. Presentation on how the group is approaching the elements of the GMP as set forth in the Amended Settlement (see Section 15(c) of the Amended Settlement).
 - g. Presentation on how the group is approaching the elements of the AMF business case the PUC required in the rate case (see Section 16(b)(iv) of the Amended Settlement)
 - h. Presentation on how the group is approaching the benefit/cost analysis, with particular focus on the Docket No. 4600-A Guidance Document and Benefit Cost Framework.
5. Opportunity for other PST Advisory Group members to highlight issues or topics or questions not addressed by National Grid or where agreement has not already been reached relative to the GMP and AMF work.
6. Adjourn

The Amended Settlement is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4770page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 12, 2019