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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Coastal Resources Management Council ("CRMC") is in receipt of a federal consistency certification filed by National Grid on October 31, 2016 for the proposed construction of a natural gas liquefaction facility ("project") on Assessor's Plat 56 Lots 316, 5 and Plat 101 Lot 1, located at 121 Terminal Road, Providence. The proposed liquefaction facility will be constructed adjacent to National Grid's existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) tank. The proposed project is subject to CRMC review authority pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 USC §§ 1451-1464, and the CZMA's implementing regulations at 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart D – Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit.

The CRMC will not be issuing a state permit in this case. Rather, as the State's authorized coastal zone management agency, the CRMC must make a determination as to whether the proposed project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the State's federally approved coastal program. National Grid is seeking a variance to the CRMC minimum 50-foot setback requirement for proposed filling and grading activity on the project site. National Grid's consistency certification and supporting information have been assigned file number **2016-10-099** and can be reviewed at the CRMC office during regular office hours (Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). In addition, a downloadable PDF file copy of National Grid's consistency certification and supporting information, including site plans, are posted on the CRMC website at www.crmc.ri.gov.

The CRMC is providing public notice on National Grid's consistency certification in accordance with 15 CFR § 930.61 and will scheduled a public hearing in this matter for a date yet to be determined. The CRMC will accept written comments from parties interested in or concerned with the above matter. All comments should be sent to Grover J. Fugate, CRMC Executive Director at the above address **on or before December 23, 2016**. Comments must be specifically directed to the issue as to whether the proposed project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program.

Signed this 16th day of November 2016.

Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

