



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF  
ENERGY RESOURCES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING**

***PROPOSED 2016-A PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AUCTION PROCEEDS***

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) proposes the 2016-A Plan for the Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds (2016-A Plan) 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 2016-A Plan.

The public hearing will be held on **March 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** in Conference Room B, Second Floor of the Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence Rhode Island. The hearing room is accessible to the handicapped. The Department of Administration 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 2016-A Plan allocates and distributes the Rhode Island Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Program proceeds from the last two auctions held in 2015. Copies of the proposed 2016-A Plan can be obtained at OER, at [www.energy.ri.gov](http://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 Office of Energy Resources  
One Capitol Hill, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

OER 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner  
Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources