

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT'S NET METERING TARIFF
DOCKET NO. 5192**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments regarding Block Island Utility District's (BIUD) proposed Net Metering Program. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People can participate in person at the PUC's office or in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196610803> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. You will be prompted to enter a name and an email address to enter the meeting. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 881-9661-0803 followed by the # symbol when prompted; you do not need to enter a participant ID when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

In this docket, the Block Island Utility District (BIUD) filed for approval of a tariff advice designed to implement BIUD's proposed net metering program. The program is designed to give effect to recently enacted provisions of R.I.G.L. § 39-26.4-3 by increasing the maximum aggregate amount of net metering from the existing cap of 3% of BIUD's peak load to a higher cap of 10% of BIUD's peak load. Under the proposed tariff, net metering systems will be available to any residential or commercial customer until the proposed cap of 10% is reached. Net metering systems installed prior to December 31, 2019, would be grandfathered in under the existing net metering policy until the member replaces or upgrades their existing system.

Written public comments regarding the proposed tariff may be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on February 1, 2022 to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I. 02888 or by email to luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The dockets can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5192page.html>. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 401-780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 15, 2022