STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

NOTICE OF DISCOVERY MEETING

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a discovery meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., ending by 11:30 A.M. at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this meeting is for PUC, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, and Office of Energy Resources staff, and commissioners, if they participate, to ask follow-up questions to Block Island Utility District's (BIUD's) responses to data requests regarding BIUD's proposed Net Metering Program. The meeting will be streamed live at https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg.

In this docket, BIUD filed for approval of a tariff advice designed to implement its 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.

A separately noticed public hearing that allows for public participation is scheduled for January 27, 2022. That notice is posted on the Secretary of State's website, on the PUC's website, and was published in the Block Island Times.

BIUD's 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 19, 2022