

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE,
SAFETY & RELIABILITY PLAN FY 2023 - DOCKET NO. 5209**

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a technical session on **Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The technical session will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

In this docket, following an evidentiary hearing, on March 29, 2022, the PUC approved The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid's proposed Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for fiscal year 2023 (ISR Plan). The ISR Plan was submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7.1 which provides for an annual electric infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget.

Since the approval of the ISR Plan, on May 25, 2022, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of PPL Corporation, acquired 100 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of The Narragansett Electric Company, now doing business under the name Rhode Island Energy (Company). At the time of the hearing, the PUC had outstanding questions surrounding planning that were intended to be posed to the successor company witnesses. Also, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' (Division) expert consultant expressed some concerns about the effect of the transfer of ownership on the ISR process and the need for additional scrutiny of the future investment proposals. Furthermore, the Company made certain commitments as part of the acquisition that may affect ISR planning and implementation in the future.

At this technical session, the PUC will follow up on the Company's approach to planning and the Division's concerns and recommendations, including, but not limited to the following topics: (1) Five-Year Budget Planning Questions; (2) How the projected increase of electric usage and distributed generation will affect how the Company plans for reliability on the system, both in time, location, coordination, and cost allocation; (3) How the Company may leverage existing investments to meet those planning goals at least cost and in a way that reduces power system costs and increases system efficiencies (this question will touch on the Company's commitment to produce an Electric and Solar Growth Study); (4) How the Act on Climate will affect the Company's approach to ISR investment (this question will touch on the Company's expected Grid Modernization and Advanced Metering filings); (5) The Company's preliminary identification of the types of investments for which it will seek federal funding.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventactions/docket/5209page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 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 780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
June 4, 2022