

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OFFSHORE WIND - DOCKET NO. 22-22-EL**

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

In July 2022, Governor McKee signed amendments to the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act that were passed by the General Assembly in June. Specifically R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-10 requires Rhode Island Energy to solicit proposals for “at least six hundred megawatts (600 MW) but no greater than one thousand megawatts (1,000 MW) of newly-developed offshore wind capacity no later than October 15, 2022.” Rhode Island Energy was required to develop a request for proposals (RFP) in consultation with the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers for comment by the public prior to its issuance. The law contains certain minimum requirements for the RFP. On September 7, 2022, Rhode Island Energy filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) a copy of the draft RFP. The RFP is available on the PUC’s website at the PUC’s office and may be accessed at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-22-EL>.

The public is invited to provide written public comments through October 7, 2022 by sending them to PUC.PublicComments@puc.ri.gov. Please include the following in the subject line: “Comments on OSW Docket 22-22-EL.”22-22--

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-31-10(b), the PUC is conducting a hearing **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to solicit oral comments on the draft RFP. 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/86513935138> 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 865 1393 5138 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.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-31 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 401-780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
September 10, 2022