

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY
2023 ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN - DOCKET NO. 22-33-EE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 9:30 A.M. and Thursday, December 8, 2022 @ 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The PUC will receive public comment from interested members of the public beginning at 9:30 A.M. on December 6, 2022. Interested members of the public can make comment in person 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/82914103674> 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 829 1410 3674 followed by the # symbol when prompted; you do not need to enter a participant ID when prompted. (The Zoom link will close at the expiration of the public comment period.) 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.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's (RI Energy) proposed 2023 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Annual Plan). The Annual Plan is submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-1-27.7(c) and the Least Cost Procurement Standards as approved by the PUC in Docket No. 5015. The Annual Plan proposes budgets to implement electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs to Rhode Island energy consumers and is funded through the Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) charge that is collected from RI Energy's electric and gas customers. RI Energy seeks approval of the Annual Plan.

The proposed 2023 Annual EEP budget for the electric programs is \$105.5 million. RI Energy proposes an EEP charge of \$0.00862 per kWh for all customers for effect January 1, 2023. The bill impact on an average residential electric customer on the A-16 rate, would see a monthly bill decrease of \$1.88 or -1.2 %. The proposed 2023 Annual EEP budget for the gas programs is \$36.9 million. RI Energy proposes an EEP charge of \$1.172 per dekatherm for residential gas customers and \$0.652 per dekatherm for commercial and industrial gas customers for effect January 1, 2023. The proposed EEP charge for electric and gas which will be collected through a fully reconciling funding mechanism. An average residential gas customer on the Residential Heating rate would see an annual bill decrease of \$15.86 or -1.0 %.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-33-EE>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

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

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 26, 2022