

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE TREATMENT :  
OF STORAGE AS AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION : DOCKET NO. 5000  
SYSTEM RESOURCE :

INVITATION TO STAFF-LED STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) staff will conduct the first two meetings in a series of meetings to inform the PUC's report to the General Assembly regarding energy storage resources.

In June 2022, the Rhode Island Senate passed Senate Resolution 416 (Resolution), which requested the PUC undertake a docket with stakeholder participation to study issues related to compensation mechanisms for energy storage resources (storage). The Resolution also requested the PUC report on whether new tariffs or programs are necessary for storage to reduce power system costs and facilitate the clean energy transition, as well as to adopt a tariff framework for storage interconnected to the distribution system.

Through the upcoming stakeholder process, the PUC will analyze the different values storage can provide to the electric power system, customers, and society; how to design a market to procure those values; which values are already procured through existing programs; and whether there are market barriers in existing programs that prevent or discourage storage from offering those values. Such analysis is expected to be predominantly qualitative and will inform the PUC's recommendations on whether new programs or tariffs are necessary to benefit the goals of the state and the electric power system. The PUC will present these analyses and recommendations to the Senate on or before March 1, 2023.

The stakeholder process will consist of various meetings to be advertised through future communications. Staff plans to host approximately five to seven sessions before March 1, 2023. Details regarding the first two meetings are as follows:

- **Meeting 1: 6 PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, remote attendance only.** Participants can join the meeting using the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89576434201>. At this meeting, staff will review Senate Resolution 416, present an overview of the stakeholder process, discuss staff's expectations of the stakeholders engaged in technical workshops, and hear and respond to questions.
- **Meeting 2: 10 AM to 3 PM on Monday, December 12, 2022, in-person only, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick.** At this technical workshop, staff will review the requirements of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard and Act on Climate, discuss with participants what resources are needed to meet the state's clean energy goals, and lead stakeholders in a review of electric power system needs using the Rhode Island Benefit Cost Framework developed in Docket 4600. While the workshop is open to the public, staff requests stakeholders interested in participating in this workshop identify at least one representative that will participate in person and notify Emma Rodvien at [Emma.Rodvien@puc.ri.gov](mailto:Emma.Rodvien@puc.ri.gov) no later than Monday, December 5, 2022.

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