

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT D/B/A BLOCK ISLAND POWER
DOCKET NO. 5192 – NET METERING TARIFF
DOCKET NO. 22-44-EL - LAST RESORT & TRANSMISSION RATE RECONCILIATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives noticee that it will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.** in Hearing Room A, at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments regarding the Block Island Utility District's (Block Island Power) proposed Net Metering Program and proposed rate changes to the Last Resort Service and Transmission Service. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate 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/84920927604> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 849 2092 7604 followed by the # symbol 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.

In Docket 5192, on August 19, 2022, Block Island Power filed a tariff advice to revise its legacy net metering tariff. The proposed legacy net metering tariff would apply to single meter systems installed prior to December 31, 2020. Those systems would receive net metering credits through June 30, 2042, as long as the nameplate rating and output does not increase more than 15% during the term of the tariff. The utility also proposed several changes which included: 1) a clarification of the definition of the net metering credit and avoided cost calculation for consistency with the new tariff that went into effect April 1, 2022, 2) the elimination of a provision limiting net metering credits to 125% of members consumption, and 3) the addition of maintenance provisions to clarifying how a member may maintain their legacy system without being forced into the new tariff terms. Following June 30, 2042, any system operating under the proposed legacy tariff will have the option to transition to the net metering tariff that was approved by the Commission for effect April 1, 2022, or its successor tariff. This hearing is for public comment only.

In Docket 22-44-EL, Block Island Power filed revisions to its last resort service and transmission tariffs (1) to add a new 12-month reconciliation period ending December each year to the utility's tariff adjustment provisions for the Last Resort and Transmission Rate and (2) to implement rate changes to the Last Resort Service and Transmission rates for the upcoming 12-month period commencing January 1, 2023. The impact of the proposal on a residential customer using 500 kwh of electricity per month during the months of November through April is an increase of \$12.12 per month from \$133.75 to \$145.77; for the months of May, June, September and October, an increase of \$12.12 per month from \$160.15 to \$172.27; and for the months of July and

August, an increase of \$12.12 per month from \$231.40 to \$243.52. In this docket, the utility also filed its energy procurement portfolio. The evidentiary hearing on the procurement plan, and Last Resort Service and Transmission rates will be held at 1:00 P.M., December 14, 2022 at the PUC's office. The evidentiary hearing will not be available via the Zoom link but will be live streamed at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The filings are available for examination at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5192page.html> for Docket 5192 and <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-44-EL> for Docket 22-44-EL. 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 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
December 2, 2022