

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: 2023 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS BY
THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY AND
RHODE ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD - DOCKET NO. 22-39-REG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-1, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.** to examine proposals submitted in the above captioned matter. The hearing will be held in Hearing Room A, at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. 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 February 8, 2023**. 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/83963983766> 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 839-6398-3766 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 proposals submitted by The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the 2023 Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq. The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of renewable-energy distributed-generation projects using performance-based incentives. Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive compensation pursuant to the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC.

The DG Board submitted a Report recommending renewable energy growth classes, tariff term lengths, ceiling prices and capacity targets for the 2023 RE Growth Program year. The DG Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The DG Board recommends renewable energy classes and eligible system sizes for solar, solar – community remote, wind, wind - community remote, anaerobic digestion, and small scale hydropower. The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2023 Renewable Energy Growth Program year, the Board recommends a total of 66.615 MW of nameplate capacity be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy proposed changes to the Company's 2023 RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules. Specifically, the Company proposes to add language to the Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules

for Small-Scale Solar Projects that would allow for allocation of MW from one class to another class within the RE Growth Program without PUC approval. The company proposes updates and clarifying changes to the tariff. Also, the proposed changes include the recommended class allocations and ceiling prices endorsed by the DG Board.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-39-REG>. 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 date.

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 28, 2023