

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. :
d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY ADVANCED : DOCKET NO. 22-49-EL
METERING FUNCTIONALITY BUSINESS CASE :
AND COST RECOVERY PROPOSAL :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL RECORD SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a technical session on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The technical session will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

This docket relates to the PUC’s examination of Rhode Island Energy Advanced Metering Functionality (AMF) Business Case program proposal submitted on November 12, 2022. The proposal includes a full scale deployment of AMF across its electric service territory in Rhode Island intended to replace existing electric automated meter reading meters. The proposal includes capital spending and recovery through rates for expenses associated with meters, software, communications and other operating expenses. Rhode Island Energy seeks additional revenues in the amount of approximately \$199.6 million to fund the incremental cost associated with the AMF through a separate factor outside the base distribution rates (AMF Factor) over eleven years, 2023 through 2033. The AMF factor would recover the actual incremental capital investments placed in service and the actual incremental operation and maintenance (O&M) costs incurred on a historical basis.

The PUC has scheduled a series of technical sessions to explore specific topics. This is the first technical session. This technical session will include discussion of the Company’s Benefit Cost Analyses (BCA) submitted in support of the AMF proposal. Subtopics of the BCA include (1) Faster Outage Notification; (2) Sensitivity to Load and DG Forecast and (3) Stacking of Benefits.

The docket may be examined at the PUC’s office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-49-EL>. 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, twenty-four hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
February 20, 2023