

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY

**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 notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island’s proposed rate changes to take effect April 1, 2023 in various dockets. 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/85373103888> 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 853 7310 3888 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.

Rhode Island Energy proposes rate changes to both electric and gas distribution rates which would take effect April 1, 2023. The rate changes would affect electric and gas customers in all rate classes. Table 1 shows the categories of changes and estimates the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer taking Last Resort Service (LRS) from Rhode Island Energy. Table 2 estimates the annual impact of the proposed gas rates on a typical residential heating customer’s bill.

**Table 1: Monthly Bill Impacts of Proposed Electric Rates for a Typical Residential Customer taking Last Resort Service (500 kWh/month)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of New Rates on Monthly Bill: Increase/(Decrease)</u>
<b>SUPPLY CHARGES</b>		
Last Resort Service Supply	23-01-EL	(\$41.79)
Last Resort Service Adjustments	23-03-EL	\$4.17
Renewable Energy Standard	22-43-EL	\$0.81
<b>DELIVERY CHARGES</b>		
Electric Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	22-53-EL	\$0.83
Net Transition Charge	23-03-EL	\$0.02
Transmission Charges	23-03-EL	(\$1.68)
Net Metering Charge	23-03-EL	\$0.72
Renewable Long-Term Contracting Charge	23-03-EL	\$1.84

Energy Efficiency Charge	22-33-EE	\$5.69
Deferred Customer Service Charge Reinstatement & Recovery	4978	\$12.50
	<b>Net Monthly Decrease:</b>	(\$16.89)

The proposed change in rates also includes 1) the Energy Efficiency Charge approved by the PUC in Docket No. 22-33-EE and 2) the proposed reinstatement of the \$6.00 customer charge and recovery of the lost revenue from the deferred customer service charge in Docket No. 4978. Currently, the Last resort Service Adjustment Factor is reconciled in the supply charge. The Company is proposing to reconcile this charge through delivery charges going forward.

The impact on typical residential LRS customer using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$16.89, from \$147.90 to \$131.01 or 11.4% on the total bill. For non-residential customers, the impacts will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

**Table 2: Annual Bill Impact of Proposed Gas Rate for a Typical Residential Heating Customer (845 therms/year)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of Rate Increase on Annual Bill</u>
Gas Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	22-54-NG	\$51.22

The impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually is an increase of \$51.22, from \$1,726.11 to \$1,777.33 or 3.0%. The impact on other customer rate class will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

The proposals are available for examinations at the PUC's office. The proposal can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov>, Docket Menu, Docket Nos. 23-01-EL, 23-03-EL, 23-07-EL, 22-33-EE, 4978, 22-53-EL and 22-54-NG. 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  
February 25, 2023