

**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 PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that is conduction a hearing on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 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 proposal in the above docket. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

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/88258448059> 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 882 5844 8059 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 this docket, Rhode Island Energy filed for approval of the Company’s Advanced Metering Functionality (AMF) Business Case program proposal. 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 (AMR) 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 filing 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, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 21, 2023