

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: ISSUANCE OF AN ADVISORY OPINION TO THE ENERGY FACILITY
SITING BOARD REGARDING THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. APPLICATION
APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT LNG VAPORIZATION FACILITY ON OLD MILL
LANE, PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND - DOCKET NO. 22-42-NG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1-11, 42-98-9(d) and 42-98-10, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on the above subject matter. Due to the specific PUC mandate under the Energy Facility Siting Act, speakers should limit their comments to the PUC to the need and cost-justification for the proposed Facility. The evidentiary hearings will be held **May 8, 2023 and May 9, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.** The hearings may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required. The hearings 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/81977067561> 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 819 7706 7561 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.

On April 1, 2022, The Narragansett Electric Company (Applicant) filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (Siting Board) a Supplemental Application to its May 19, 2021 application to construct and operate a portable liquified Natural gas (LNG) Vaporization Facility. The Applicant maintains that the Facility is necessary to meet the need of maintaining a reliable natural gas distribution system on Aquidneck Island. On October 19, 2022, the Siting Board issued a Notice of Designation to the PUC to render an Advisory Opinion as to the need and cost-justification for the proposed Facility. The PUC's Advisory Opinion is not a final decision on the proposed Facility.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of the need and cost analysis recommendation submitted to the PUC by the parties, including the Division of Planning, the Office of Energy Resources and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers regarding the need and cost justification for the Applicant's proposed Facility.

The docket and related information may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-42-NG>. 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 E. Massaro, Commission Clerk

April 25, 2023