

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: REVIEW OF LEAST COST                                                 :**  
**PROCUREMENT STANDARDS                                                 :**   **DOCKET 23-07-EE**

**OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES RESPONSE TO  
COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

**Issued April 26, 2023  
Response Due May 4, 2023**

- 1-1. Rhode Island Energy recommends the filing deadline for annual reports be pushed back from May 1 to June 1 (see RIE Comment #9). Will the later filing deadline for annual reports impact your ability to participate in developing or reviewing Energy Efficiency Plans? Please describe.

The Office of Energy Resources (OER) appreciates that June 1 aligns more closely with the actual submission date of the Energy Efficiency annual reports over the past five years<sup>1</sup>. The year-end results presented in the annual reports is a key piece of information for the development of subsequent plans. OER's understanding is that Rhode Island Energy (RIE) currently can request an extension of that May 1 deadline. Moving to a June 1 deadline with an option to extend would impact OER's ability to review final data and properly evaluate the subsequent EE plan. If the June 1 deadline results in annual reports being filed in mid-June or early July, the timeline to review and evaluate the plan given the specific procedural deadlines of the process becomes compressed, and a compressed review risks diminishing the effectiveness of the plan. OER would encourage the company to continue to strive to target the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Given these concerns for impacts on the planning process, the outcomes of subsequent EE plans, and other entities who rely on final Company data, alongside the Company's existing ability to petition for an extension from the May 1 deadline, OER does not feel a change to June 1 is prudent and that it could negatively impact our ability to participate in developing or reviewing Energy Efficiency Plans.

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<sup>1</sup> The following lists the PUC docket with the corresponding plan year and date of submission as recorded on the relevant docket page:

5189 – FY22 – Pending  
5076 – FY21 – 6/1/22  
4979 – FY20 – 5/3/21  
4888 – FY19 – 5/15/20  
4755 – FY18 – 5/15/19