STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: TOWN OF BRISTOL COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PLAN - DOCKET NO. 23-25-EL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 26, 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 regarding the Town of Bristol's proposed Community Electricity Aggregation Plan. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <u>https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg</u>.

People can participate in person at the PUC's office or in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020155422</u> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. You will be prompted to enter a name and an email address to enter the meeting. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 85020155422 followed by the # symbol when prompted; you do not need to enter a participant ID when prompted. (The Zoom link will close at the expiration of the public comment period.)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, the Town of Bristol filed for approval of a proposed Community Electricity Aggregation Plan (Plan) submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3.1.2. The law enables municipal aggregation which allows a city or town to aggregate its electric load and procure electric supply from a nonregulated power producer for its residents and businesses. The purpose of the Plan is to provide universal access to new electricity supply choices for residents and businesses with the goals of delivering price stability, cost savings, and an increase in the percentage of renewable energy. The proposed Plan includes: an organizational structure of the program, its operations, and its funding; the process for establishing rates and allocating costs among participants; the methods for entering and terminating agreements with other entities; the rights and responsibilities of program participants; and termination of the program.

Written public comments regarding the proposed Plan may be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on September 26, 2023 to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I. 02888 or by email to luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The dockets can also be accessed at https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-23-25-EL. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 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 September 14, 2023