

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC** :  
**COMPANY d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY’S** :  
**BID RESULT FROM OCTOBER 2022 REQUEST** :  
**FOR PROPOSAL FOR LONG-TERM CONTRACT** :  
**FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY - FILING** : **DOCKET NO. 23-32-EL**  
**TO PUC THAT THE BID WAS UNLIKELY TO** :  
**LEAD TO CONTRACT THAT MEETS THE** :  
**REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 6 AND 10** :  
**OF R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-31-10** :

**NOTICE OF FILING, INTERVENTION, AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 6, 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 Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company) decision not to enter into an offshore wind contract following completion of its review of bids resulting from an October 2022 request for proposals (RFP). The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84141343129> 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 84141343129 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.

On September 27, 2023, The Company filed a letter and testimony with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) asserting that the bid received as a result of the October 2022 procurement was unlikely to lead to contracts that meet all of the requirements of the Affordable Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), specifically, R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-31-6 and 39-31-10(d) and explaining why it should not be required to negotiate a contract.

**The deadline for intervention by those seeking full party status is Friday, October 27, 2023.** Motions to intervene are governed by 810-RICR-000-00-1.14. For any party who has an interest in the matter that may be directly affected, and is distinguishable from the public at large, such parties may file a motion to intervene in order to present an evidentiary case in response to the filing. A motion to intervene shall set out clearly and concisely facts from which the nature of the movant's alleged right or interest can be determined, the grounds of the proposed intervention,

and the position of the movant in the proceeding. Because of the short review period, those filing motions to intervene shall also identify their subject-matter witness in the motion.

Any person or organization can submit written public comments or attend the hearing to make public comments without intervening.

Interested parties and members of the public may offer **written comments** regarding the matters to be considered by the PUC in this docket through **December 15, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.** to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888 or [luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov](mailto:luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov). Email is preferred.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-23-32-EL>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3, 39-31, 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  
October 18, 2023