

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY -
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVTION PROCUREMENT PLANS - DOCKET
NO. 23-35-EE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that will conduct hearings regarding the above-captioned matter on December 12, 2023 commencing at 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearings will continue December 13, 2023 and December 14, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's proposed 2024-2026 Three Year Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement Plan (Three-Year Plan) and the 2024 Annual Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement Plan (Annual Plan). The Three-Year Plan outlines the Company's overall programmatic focus and strategies, including illustrative and provisional budgets, system benefits charges, and savings goals for the three years of implementation. It will guide the development of subsequent annual plans.

The 2024 Annual Plan provides firm savings goals, budgets, funding plans, and a proposed performance incentive mechanism earning opportunity. Further, the Annual Plan provides more detail on the strategies, market approaches, programs, and measures that will be offered in the 2024 calendar year. The proposed budgets to implement the electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs to Rhode Island energy consumers are funded through an energy efficiency charge that is collected from Rhode Island Energy's electric and gas customers through a fully reconciling funding mechanism. The 2024 Annual Plan budget for the electric programs is \$96.3 million. The proposed EEP charge is \$0.01052 per kWh applicable to all customers for effect January 1, 2024. The bill impact on an average residential electric customer on the A-16 rate, would see a monthly bill decrease of \$0.36 or -0.2 %. The 2024 Annual Plan budget for the gas programs is \$34.2 million. The proposed EEP charge is \$1.094 per dekatherm for residential natural gas customers and \$0.782 per dekatherm for commercial and industrial gas customers for effect January 1, 2024. An average residential gas customer on the Residential Heating rate would see an annual bill increase of \$2.37 or -0.14 %.

The PUC will receive public comment from interested members of the public beginning at 9:30 A.M. on December 12, 2023. Written public comments regarding Rhode Island Energy's proposed Plans may be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on December 12, 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 filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-23-35-EE>. 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
December 1, 2023