

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS BY THE
NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY AND THE
RHODE ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD – DOCKET NO. 23-44-REG**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-1, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **April 9, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A, at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will continue thereafter on **April 10, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.** as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The PUC will receive public comment from interested members of the public beginning at **9:30 A.M. on April 9, 2024**. Interested members of the public can make comment in person 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/81335076251> 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 813 3507 6251 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.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine proposals by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the Renewable Energy Growth (RE Growth) Program submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6, as amended, and proposed changes to the tariffs and enrollment rules filed by the Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy. The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of renewable-energy distributed-generation projects using performance-based incentives. Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects can participate by enrolling in the program and receive compensation in accordance with the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC.

The DG Board submitted a Report setting forth recommendations for the Renewable Energy Growth Program for Years 2024 through 2026. For each Program Year, the DB Board proposed renewable energy growth classes, tariff term lengths, ceiling prices and related ceiling price adjustment mechanism over the 2024-2026 period, and incentive-rate adders for certain eligible project types. The DG Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The DG Board recommends renewable energy classes and eligible system sizes for solar, solar – community remote, wind, wind - community remote, anaerobic digestion, and small scale hydropower.

The DG Board recommends annual target megawatt allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For Program Year 2024, the Board recommends a total of 107.5 MW of nameplate capacity be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects. For subsequent Program Years

2025 and 2026, the DG Board recommends total nameplate capacity of 133.5 MW and 185.5, respectively.

Rhode Island Energy proposes revisions to the Company's RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules. The proposed changes to the Tariff and Rules reflect (1) statutory amendment to Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth statute, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6; (2) propose changes to the Program that stem from the recent statutory amendment; (3) address stakeholder and developer feedback to the existing Program; and (4) clarify and improve the overall structure and flow of the Tariffs and Rules.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The proposals can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-23-44-REG>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 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 date.

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 29, 2024