STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (810-RICR-40-05-2) - DOCKET NO. 24-11-RM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§39-1-1, 39-26-6 and 42-35-1, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **April 11, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to accept comments on a proposed rulemaking process to amend rules entitled "Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (810-RICR-40-05-2). The hearing will be streamed live at https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate 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/84718369423</u> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 8471 8369 423 followed by the # symbol when prompted. 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.

The proposed rules are amended to reflect the statutory changes enacted on June 27, 2022 (2022 P.L. Ch. 218). The proposed amendment changes the annual percentages of renewable energy required to achieve a 100% renewable energy standard by 2033. Proposed amendments also include administrative changes to provide clarification and is updated to reflect actual practice.

Written comments on the proposed rules can filed no later than April 24, 2024, with the Commission Clerk to the following address or emailed to <u>Luly.Massaro@puc.ri.gov</u>:

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

In the development of the proposed regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information and no significant economic impact on small business as defined by R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35.1-4 was identified.

The proposed rules are available for examination at the Commission Clerk's Office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained in person, by mail or accessed under the Commission's website at <u>https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-24-11-RM</u>. 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 401-780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk March 25, 2024