

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING  
BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO MOBILIZE AND OPERATE A LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) VAPORIZATION FACILITY AT OLD MILL LANE – DOCKET NO. SB-2021-04

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-98 and 42-35, and Rule 1.12 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) will continue final hearings regarding the above-captioned matter on **June 17, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island**. Pursuant to Rules 1.8.A and 1.18.C, the hearing will continue from day to day, time to time, and place to place, as required.

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (“Company”) seasonally mobilizes and operates a liquified natural gas (“LNG”) vaporization facility at property located on Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth, pursuant to temporary emergency waivers from the licensing requirement of the Energy Facility Siting Act. The LNG vaporization facility consists of portable equipment that is mobilized during the winter season to perform peak-shaving for the natural gas distribution system.

In an application filed with the Board in 2021, the Company sought the approval of a license from the Board to mobilize and operate the LNG vaporization facility without need of further waivers. In August 2021, the Board granted the Company the requested waiver extension for the winter of 2021/2022 and subsequently granted similar requests for waivers for the winters of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 while proceedings were pending to review the Company’s request for a license. The Company filed a revised application in 2022 and preliminary hearings were conducted on the revised application. The Board subsequently issued an order seeking advisory opinions from various state and local agencies which were provided to the Board in 2023. The Board then conducted evidentiary hearings on the revised application on April 23, 24, and 30, 2024.

At the end of hearing day on April 30, the Board requested memoranda from the parties on their respective positions in the docket. The Board also asked each party to explain in their memoranda whether they support or oppose the implementation of a moratorium on new gas connections on all of Aquidneck Island as a condition of any license, which moratorium would apply to Newport, Portsmouth, and Middletown. A deadline for filing the memoranda has been set for May 31, 2024. The Board will continue the final hearings on June 17, 2024 and has required counsel for each of the parties to appear in order to make closing arguments and answer questions from the Board regarding the positions that will be set forth in their respective memoranda, including the position of each party on the question of whether an island-wide moratorium should be imposed as a condition to a license.

All of the materials filed in this proceeding are on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. They are also available online at: [https://ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021\\_SB\\_04.html](https://ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_04.html).

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Requests for interpreter services for the hearing impaired must be made to the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson

Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2108, [Kristen.L.Masse@puc.ri.gov](mailto:Kristen.L.Masse@puc.ri.gov) at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be streamed live to the public and archived via the internet at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqOyXw296dg>.

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