

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act, R.I.G.L. 42-46-6 (b), the public is hereby notified that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) is holding an open meeting on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for purpose of discussing, deliberating and/or voting on the following dockets. Because this is not a hearing, the PUC will not be accepting oral public comments. The Open Meeting will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

- I. Call to Order
- II. **Docket No. 23-44-REG - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy and Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board** - This docket relates to the PUC's review of proposals submitted by Rhode Island Energy and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth) Years 2024 through 2026. The PUC will vote on Rhode Island Energy's Compliance Filing submitted in accordance with the PUC's directives at Open Meeting held May 2, 2024.
- III. **Docket No. 23-50-EL - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy** – In this docket, Rhode Island Energy's submitted for approval a Revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy Projects to be used to solicit proposals from renewable energy developers in accordance with Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-1 et seq. and PUC's Rules and Regulations Governing Long-Term Contracting Standards for Renewable Energy (LTCS), 810-RICR-40-05-1. The Revised RFP includes changes to the timetable and method for solicitation and execution of long-term contracts for renewable energy and renewable energy credits and related attributes (RECs) with a nameplate capacity of at least 20 megawatts (MW) and up to 150 MW of newly developed renewable energy resources. The PUC will review the record and vote on Rhode Island Energy's proposal.
- IV. **Docket No. 4770 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy** – In this docket, the Commission approved an Amended Settlement Agreement (ASA) on August 24, 2018. The ASA requires the Company to comply with certain reporting requirements pursuant to Article II, Sections C.12.f and C.13.d of the ASA. On April 26, 2024, Rhode Island Energy filed a Motion for Relief from Quarterly Reporting Requirements for the Gas Business Enablement Program and Cyber Security and Information Technology Modernization Programs. The Company requests relief from the Reporting Requirements because (i) changed circumstances have made the Reporting Requirements unnecessary; (ii) the Reporting Requirements provide no meaningful new information to the PUC and the Division; and (iii) the PUC and the Division already receive any pertinent information that might otherwise have been provided through the Reporting. The Division notified that it has reviewed Rhode Island Energy's Motions and has no objections.

- V. **Docket No. RES-24-16 – Caterpillar Hill Road Solar** - Application for eligibility of the Caterpillar Hill Road Solar Generation Unit, a 4.99 MW AC (7.258 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Sargentville, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. The applicant also filed a request for a waiver from the PUC’s Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard Regulation 810-RICR-40-05-2.6(H), to allow the net metering facility to qualify as an eligible renewable energy facility.

In 2022, amendments to the RES law eliminated the requirement that customer-sited generation facilities must be located in Rhode Island in order to qualify as an eligible renewable energy resource under the RES. The PUC has commenced the process to promulgate to amend the RES Rules. On April 12, 2024, the PUC issued a notice to solicit comments through May 1, 2024 on the applicant’s waiver request. No comments were received. The PUC consultant recommends approval of the application. The PUC will review and rule on the applicant’s waiver request and application.

- VI. **Consent Agenda** – All items listed within the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine by Commission and will ordinarily be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission requests, in which event the item will be removed for separate consideration later on the agenda. The following agenda includes applications for eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource and PUC consultant’s recommendation on the applications, as noted in the table below:

Docket #	Applicant	Filing
RES-23-01	Sunnova Energy International Inc.	Application to add 985 customer sited Generation Units to its Sunnova – Rhode Island Aggregation Application for eligibility as New Renewable Energy Resources. The generation units are located in RI, have achieved operations and have a total combined capacity of 5.716 MW AC (7.166 DC MW DC). PUC consultant recommends approval
RES-24-15	Admiral Packaging Inc.	Application for eligibility of the Admiral Packaging, Inc. Generation Unit, a 0.1332 MW AC (0.16193 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Providence, RI. The facility has not yet achieved commercial operations. PUC consultant recommends conditional approval.

- VII. Adjourn

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 Commission Clerk
 May 7, 2024 – 9:30 A.M.