

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: DEVELOPMENT OF STORAGE : DOCKET NO. 24-34-EL
TARIFF FRAMEWORKS :

NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) gives notice that it has opened a docket pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-33-2 and 39-33-3 (2024 P.L. 405) related to the development of tariffs applicable to energy storage systems connected to the electric distribution systems.¹ The docket has two tracks (or sub-dockets) as follows:

Sub-docket **24-34-EL-TC** (Terms and Conditions) will be to develop a tariff framework that, at a minimum, addresses the ability of energy storage systems to charge from and discharge to the electric distribution system. For this track, the Commission will issue a schedule designed to result in the adoption of a framework that will subsequently result in a model tariff by May 1, 2025.

Sub-docket **24-34-EL-I** (Interconnection) will be to develop a framework for an interconnection tariff for energy storage systems that recognizes the flexible operating characteristics of energy storage systems. For this track, the Commission will issue a schedule designed to result in the adoption of a framework by May 1, 2025.

Each track will include stakeholder participation through, at a minimum, a series of comment periods and meetings. Public comment will be open to the general public, but active participation in meetings will be limited to “designated stakeholders.” Designated stakeholders in the proceeding will be expected to provide written comments, panel presentations, and respond to questions at the request of the Commission on various relevant topics. An individual or entity may

¹ Consideration of issues related to federal versus state jurisdiction will be included in this proceeding.

establish their status as a designated stakeholder by submitting a letter of qualification and commitment to the Commission Clerk Stephanie De LaRosa via email at Stephanie.DeLarosa@puc.ri.gov, ATTN: Docket No. 23-34-EL Storage.

Filers should indicate in their letter which of the track(s) they plan to participate as a designated stakeholder. The letters of qualification and commitment shall include the following information: the name of the stakeholder/organization; identification of primary contact authorized to represent the interests of the stakeholder/organization; and a written commitment that the stakeholder will actively participate in good faith through attendance at meetings, participation in panels, and responding to Commission questions. Legal representation is not required for designated stakeholders. Regardless of participation status, any member of the public wishing to be included on the service list for this docket send an email to the Clerk at the address above.

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