

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC** :  
**COMPANY D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY** :  
**LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR** :  
**RENEWABLE ENERGY RECOVERY FACTOR** : **DOCKET NO. 23-45-EL**  
**MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT** :

**ORDER**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 39-26.1 and 39-26.2, RI Energy is permitted to recover the above-market costs and required to credit the below-market costs of certain long-term renewable energy contracts and distributed generation contracts, net of, or including proceeds from the ratepayers' share of revenue from the sale of forward capacity revenue from the applicable distributed generation contracts, plus related administrative costs.

At an Open Meeting on December 19, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved Tariff RIPUC 2272 which changed the Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery (LTCRER) Factor from a semi-annual factor to an annual factor and approved a 12-month rate. As part of the Commission's review of Rhode Island Energy's (RI Energy or Company) retail rate filing, the Commission inquired about the difference between the projections and actual above- and below-market experience based on the output of the facilities and the market conditions. At that hearing, the Company agreed to review the actual experience midway through the year.

On May 31, 2024, the Company submitted a proposal to increase the Long-Term Contracting (LTC) for Renewable Energy Recovery factor to recover a higher-than-expected under-recovery for 2024. The Company proposed to increase its LTC Recovery Factor by an incremental \$0.00211 per kWh for the period August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. This would bring the total LTC Recovery factor to \$0.01191 per kWh. In its filing, Company witness

Peter Blazunas explained that the primary reason for the under-recovery was lower-than-projected market prices.<sup>1</sup>

On June 27, 2024, the Division submitted a position memorandum finding the Company correctly calculated the proposed increase to the LTC Factor and recommended approval of the Company's proposal as filed.<sup>2</sup>

At an Open Meeting on July 30, 2024, the Commission reviewed the filings approved the proposed factor for effect August 1, 2024 to avoid a growing under-recovery.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(25215) ORDERED:

1. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery Factor of \$0.01191 per kWh for electricity consumed on and after January 1, 2024, is hereby approved.

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<sup>1</sup> Blazunas Test. at 10-11, Attach. 1 at 1 (May 31, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Munoz Mem. (Jun. 27, 2024).

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON AUGUST 1, 2024 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 30, 2024. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 20, 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Rhode Island Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.