

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY'S GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY PLAN FY 2026
DOCKET NO. 24-55-NG**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **February 10, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>

At this hearing, PUC will examine the propriety of a filing by The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company) for approval of the proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for fiscal year 2026 (ISR Plan). The ISR Plan is submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7.1(d) which provides for an annual gas infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The ISR Plan sets forth proposals the Company has identified as necessary to sustain and enhance the safety and reliability of its gas distribution system. In the FY 2026 Plan, the Company is proposing a total budget of \$223.26 million which includes \$22 million for curb-to-curb paving costs associated with pipeline replacement excavations in streets. This hearing will focus on the portion of the filing related to the curb-to-curb paving costs and associated tax issues that may impact ratemaking. Additional hearings will be scheduled and noticed for a future date to hear evidence related to the remaining issues associated with anticipated capital investments and other spending.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-24-55-NG>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk
January 27, 2025