

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island’s proposed rate changes to take effect April 1, 2025, in various dockets. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81110142719> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 8111 0142 719 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others’ public comment.

Rhode Island Energy proposes rate changes to both electric and gas distribution rates which would take effect April 1, 2025. The rate changes would affect electric and gas customers in all rate classes. The Company has also proposed new rates for Last Resort Service, effective April 1, 2025. Table 1 represents a current and proposed monthly residential electric bill for a customer using 500 kWh per month whose energy supply is Last Resort Service (LRS). A new Renewable Energy Growth Charge was approved in Docket No. 24-50-REG on February 20, 2025. Table 2 represents a current and proposed annual gas bill of a typical residential heating customer who uses 845 therms per year.

Table 1: Monthly Bill Impacts of Proposed Electric Rates for a Typical Residential Customer taking Last Resort Service (500 kWh/month)

Monthly Impact on Typical Residential Customer Bill of 500 kWh			
		Current	Proposed
		March 1, 2025	April 1, 2025
<u>Delivery Charges</u>			
1	Customer Charge	6.00	6.00
2	Renewable Energy Growth Charge	4.02	5.75
3	LIHEAP	0.79	0.79
4	Distribution Charge	32.30	33.26
5	Renewable Energy Dist Charge	11.73	10.56
6	Energy Efficiency Charge	5.49	5.49
7	Transmission Charge	20.81	23.87
8	Transition Charge	0.00	0.01
9	Total Delivery Charges:	81.13	85.73

	<u>Supply Charge</u>		
10	Last Resort Service	81.94	50.34
11	Total before Tax:	163.06	136.07
	<u>Tax</u>		
12	Gross Receipts Tax	6.79	5.67
13	Total Bill Proposed for April 1:	\$ 169.85	\$ 141.73

The impact on a typical residential LRS customer using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$28.12, from \$169.86 to \$141.73, or 16.6%, on the total bill. The low-income bill can be calculated by taking the total residential bill and applying a 25% or 30% discount, as applicable. For other customers, the impacts will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

Table 2: Annual Bill Impact of Proposed Gas Rate for a Typical Residential Heating Customer (845 therms/year)

Annual Impact on Residential Heating Customer (845 therms)			
		Current 03/01/25	Proposed 04/01/25
	<u>Delivery Charges</u>		
1	Customer Charge	168.00	168.00
2	Distribution Charge	491.48	491.48
3	Distribution Adjustment Charge	370.29	446.50
4	Energy Efficiency Programs	84.34	84.34
5	Total Delivery Charges:	1,114.11	1,190.32
6	<u>Gas Charges</u>		
7	Gas Cost Recovery Charge	607.97	607.97
8	<u>LIHEAP Enhancement Charge</u>		
9	LIHEAP	9.48	9.48
10	Total before Tax:	1,731.56	1,807.77
11	<u>Tax</u>		
12	Gross Receipts Tax	53.55	55.91
13	Total Bill Proposed for April 1:	\$ 1,785.11	\$ 1,863.68

The impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually is an increase of \$78.57, from \$1,785.11 to \$1,863.68, or 4.4%. The low-income bill can be calculated by taking the total residential bill and applying a 25% or 30% discount, as applicable. The impact on other customer rate classes will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

The proposals are available for examinations at the PUC's office. The proposals can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/>, Docket Menu, Docket Nos. 25-03-EL (Last Resort Service), 25-04-EL (Retail Rate Filing – Affects Distribution Charge, Renewable Energy Distribution Charge, Transmission, Transition, and LRS), 25-05-EL (Renewable Energy Standard Factor – Affects LRS), 24-54-EL (Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability – Affects Distribution Charge), and 24-55-NG (Gas Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability – Affects Distribution Charges). Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing.

Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk
February 28, 2025