



The proposed Tariff outlined the applicability, the one-time bill credit amount of \$41.46 to be applied on bills issued to customers who were in the A-60 rate class in November and December 2022 and who are issued a bill between February 1 and February 28, 2023.<sup>4</sup> The tariff would automatically expire after bill credits have been applied to all eligible customer accounts. The Company also included reconciliation language that if the aggregate amount of applied credits was less than \$1.5 million, the excess would be returned to OER no later than October 1, 2023. Conversely, if the aggregate amount of credits exceeds \$1.5 million, the Company proposed to recover such costs through either the 2023 revenue decoupling mechanism or the 2024 annual retail rate filing, depending on when the final reconciliation of credits was completed.<sup>5</sup>

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers submitted its position memorandum on December 15, 2022. The Division summarized the filing, did not note any concerns, and recommended approval of the proposed tariff as filed.<sup>6</sup>

At an Open Meeting held on December 20, 2022, the Commission reviewed the Company's filings and approved the proposed tariff.

On January 12, 2023, the Company submitted a letter seeking clarification that eligible customers be those A-60 customers who are issued a bill in February 2023, regardless of whether they were enrolled in the A-60 rate class in November or December of 2022. The Company advised that it had discussed this interpretation with OER and the Division and there was no objection. The Company also submitted an amended tariff on January 19, 2023 to reflect this interpretation

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<sup>4</sup> The tariff explained that “[t]he bill credit amount was calculated by dividing the \$1,500,000.00 of allocated RGGI funds by 36,176, which represents the Company’s forecasted number of electric distribution customer accounts in the A-60 rate class for the month of February 2023.” *Id.* at n.1.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 1-2.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

by removing the previously cited language from the RGGI 2022-C Plan which limited the applicability.

At an Open Meeting on January 20, 2023, the Commission reviewed the Company's request for clarification vis-à-vis the tariff; the Company requested that all A-60 customers who were issued a bill in February be eligible for the bill credit, regardless of whether they were enrolled in the A-60 rate class during the November and December 2022 billing periods. After review, the Commission approved the amended tariff, finding it to be a reasonable approach.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

(25350) ORDERED:

1. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's amended tariff RIPUC No. 2263 issued on January 19, 2023, superseding RIPUC No. 2263, issued on November 23, 2022, which was approved by the Public Utilities Commission on December 20, 2022, is approved for effect February 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISIONS ON DECEMBER 20, 2022, AND JANUARY 20, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 20, 2025.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



*Ronald T. Gerwatowski*

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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman

*Abigail Anthony*

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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

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\*John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

\* Commissioner Revens is unavailable for signature due to his retirement.

**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 Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.