

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: REVIEW OF RHODE ISLAND ENERGY'S        :**  
**BUDGET BILLING OFFERINGS                                :**        **DOCKET NO. 25-20-GE**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET BILLING WORKSHOP  
AND  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

**On July 24, 2025, at 12:00 PM**, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will host a workshop on Zoom where The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (RI Energy or Company) will give a presentation on budget billing. The purpose of this docket is to consider whether budget billing should become the default billing option from which a customer must opt out instead of the current procedure where a customer seeking budget billing needs to opt in. The presentation will be live and recorded. A link to the recording will be posted on the PUC's website at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in attending 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/86466377775> 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 864 6637 7775 followed by the # symbol when prompted.

During this workshop, a representative from the Company will provide an overview of the budget billing options available to residential electric and gas customers, including eligibility, participation rules, and common questions that have arisen in the past. Participants in the meeting may ask questions about budget billing through the moderated chat function.

Budget billing is an option customers have which allows them to spread their projected annual electric or gas expense over a 12-month period to manage their exposure to high bills. Customers that opt into the program incur the same total annual cost that they would have outside of the program, but spreading the estimated cost over a 12-month period allows customers to budget for the same bill each month, subject to quarterly review. RIE has created a webpage with more information on Budget Billing that can be accessed here: <https://rienergy.com/site/more/frequent-questions/billing-options/budget-billing> .

Following the conclusion of the workshop, the Commission will open a 20-day comment period to seek public responses to the question: Currently, customers must opt into budget billing; **should budget billing become the default billing option from which a customer must opt out? Why or why not? Responses to the question are due on August 13, 2025, and may be submitted to: [stephanie.delarosa@puc.ri.gov](mailto:stephanie.delarosa@puc.ri.gov).**

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Commission Clerk  
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