

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act, R.I.G.L. 42-46-6 (b), the public is hereby notified that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) is holding an open meeting on **Thursday, July 24, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M.** in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for purpose of discussing, deliberating and/or voting on the following dockets. Because this is not a hearing, the PUC will not be accepting oral public comments. The Open Meeting will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Open Meeting Minutes from 5/14/25, 5/22/25 and 6/11/25
- III. **Docket No. 24-15-EL – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** – This Docket relates to Rhode Island Energy’s Motion for Clarification of Commission Order No. 25441 issued on July 3, 2025. In that Order, the Commission approved the 2025 Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Factor but specifically held the docket open for further consideration of Borderline Sales Revenues. The Company requested the Commission clarify that the Company will have the right at a future date to assert its position, through evidence and argument, regarding the proper treatment of borderline sales revenue and the application of interest thereto. Counsel for the Company advised that they had consulted with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers which did not have an objection to the motion. The Commission will review its Order and the Motion and a vote will be taken.
- IV. **Docket No. 25-08-GE - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** – This Docket relates to the Commission’s Order requiring Rhode Island Energy to issue a Request for Proposals to obtain the services of an independent consulting firm to assist the Commission in a review, evaluation, and audit of Rhode Island Energy’s billing system and related processes. On July 21, 2025, the Company submitted the bid results and evaluation materials together with a recommended vendor for the Commission’s review. The Commission will discuss the submissions and may vote to approve a bidder who will then contract with Rhode Island Energy to conduct the audit at the Commission’s direction.
- V. **Docket No. 25-17-FR – Interstate Navigation Company’s (Interstate)** – This Docket relates to Interstate’s proposal to amend Interstate’s tariffs to add language establishing a new school rate which would charge students and two adult chaperones the child rate for school field trips and off-island sports events. Investigation revealed that this is the rate treatment that has been provided to off-island schools traveling to Block Island for such events while Block Island students and chaperones had been traveling for free. After its review, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) noted that the class of persons identified for the rate treatment is a small, discrete class and advised that it believed the purpose for which the treatment is sought is just and reasonable. The Division also noted that the tariff change would solve for two tariff violations. The additional revenue that will be generated will be less than \$9,000 which is a small percentage of Interstate’s annual revenues. It would, at

most, have negligible or no effects on other rates if the additional revenues were included in the rate setting process during a general rate case. However, the Division disfavored the piecemeal approach and recommended that Interstate be required to provide full justification in its next general rate filing if it intends to continue with a discounted school rate. The Commission will consider the filings, and a vote will be taken.

VI. Docket No. 24-51-WW – Providence Water Supply Board (Providence Water) – This docket relates to Providence Water’s General Rate Filing. Providence Water submitted a two-step rate plan with proposed increases for effect July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026. Providence Water also two different wholesale rates. The Commission suspended the effective date of the first-rate increase. A Settlement was subsequently filed between Providence Water, Kent County Water Authority, and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. Bristol County Water Authority, Greenville Water, Lincoln Water, and Smithfield Water did not sign on. The Settlement called for additional revenues of \$7,326,675 (an increase of 8.42%) in Rate Year 2026, to provide total pro forma rate revenues of \$94,392,059. For Rate Year 2027, the parties agreed to additional revenues of \$2,264,682 (an increase of 2.39%) to provide total pro forma rate revenues of \$96,656,741. An evidentiary hearing was held on June 23, 2025. The Commission will discuss the record and votes will be taken.

VII. Consent Agenda – All items listed within the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine by the Commission and will ordinarily be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission requests, in which event the item will be removed for separate consideration later on the agenda. As noted below, the agenda includes a notice of discontinuance for a telecommunications service provider and applications for eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource and PUC consultant’s recommendation on the applications.

VIII.

Docket #	Applicant	Filing
RES-25-25	Downeast Wind, LLC	Application for eligibility of the Downeast Wind Solar Generation Unit, 126.0 MW AC solar energy facility located Columbia, Maine. PUC consultant recommends approval.
RES-25-32	Stark Solar, LLC	Application for eligibility of the Stark Solar Generation Unit 2.192 MW AC (2.992 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Bennington, Vermont. PUC consultant recommends approval.
RES-25-33	GD Richmond Beaver River I, LLC	Application for eligibility of the GD Richmond Beaver River I, LLC Solar Generation Unit, 5.25 MW AC (6.32034 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Richmond, Rhode Island. PUC consultant recommends approval.

Docket #	Applicant	Filing
RES-25-34	Studley Solar, LLC	Application for eligibility of the Studley Solar Generation Unit, 9.1 MW AC (11.610 MW DC) solar energy facility located in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. PUC consultant recommends Conditional approval.

IX. Adjourn

Stephanie De La Rosa
Commission Clerk
July 22, 2025