

**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 16, 2026 @ 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, 2026, 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 person at the PUC, 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/88515934070> 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 8851 5934 070 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, 2026. The rate changes would affect electric and gas customers in all rate classes. Table 1 shows the categories of changes and estimates the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer taking Last Resort Service (LRS) from Rhode Island Energy. Table 2 estimates the annual impact of the proposed gas rates on a typical residential heating customer’s bill.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of New Rates on Monthly Bill: Increase/(Decrease)</u>
<b>SUPPLY CHARGES</b>		
Last Resort Service Supply	26-03-EL	(\$23.10)
Last Resort Service Administration & Adj. Factors	26-05-EL	\$4.30
Renewable Energy Standard	26-07-EL	\$1.01
<b>DELIVERY CHARGES</b>		
Electric Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	25-54-EL	\$1.81
Combined Transition, Transmission, Net Metering, Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery, Storm Recovery Factor	26-05-EL	\$7.55

	<b>Net Monthly Decrease:</b>	(\$8.43)
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The impact of these proposals on typical residential LRS customer using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$8.43, on the total bill. 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)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of Rate Increase on Annual Bill</u>
Gas Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	25-55-NG	\$11.76

The impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually is an increase of \$11.76, from \$1,689.42 to \$1,701.18. For other customers, the impacts 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. 26-03-EL, 26-05-EL, 26-07-EL, 25-54-EL, and 25-55-NG. 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  
 March 6, 2026