



BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT _____ (December 2025)

Background

The Block Island Utility District (“BIUD” or “Company”) dba Block Island Power Company owns and operates the electric utility on Block Island. It is a quasi-municipal corporation established under the Block Island Utility District Act of 2017. The BIUD began operations on March 25, 2019, and it is the successor to the former stockholder-owned Block Island Power Company.

Basic Statistics – Calendar Year 2024

- Employees: 7
- Peak Demand: 5.6 MW
- Annual Sales: 14.5M kWhs
- Customer Count: Residential – 1,644
Commercial - 346
- Annual Revenue: \$5,846,789
- Total Assets: \$14.2M
- Net Plant: \$11.9M

Power Supply

On May 1, 2017, the Company began receiving its power supply from the mainland through the newly constructed Block Island undersea cable which connected Block Island to the mainland electric grid. Prior to the connection, the Company used four (4) on-island diesel generators for 100% its supply needs and consumed nearly 1,000,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually. The Company still owns and maintains the generators as back-up in the event of a cable outage.

Regulatory Filings

Reoccurring Annual Filings

Power Supply and Transmission Rate Reconciliation Filing. In these annual filings, BIUD provides a reconciliation of actual revenue and expenses for the most recent 12-month period and a revenue and expense projection for the upcoming 12 months for the purpose of setting new power supply and transmission rates to reflect the cost of both services. The filing is submitted in November of each year for new rates effective January 1st. Following are the most recently approved power supply and transmission rates that went into effect on January 1, 2025.

Factors	Effective Jan 1, 2025
Power Supply	\$0.1125
Transmission	\$0.0615
Total	\$0.1740

Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan

On February 10, 2020, Block Island Utility District filed with the Commission its first energy efficiency plan, also called a Demand Side Management Plan. The Plan Budget was set at \$120,000 to be funded through a combination of \$60,000 in revenues from utility rates and a \$60,000 grant offered by the Office of Energy Resources (OER) from the Renewable Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) fund. The Plan was approved and went into place on June 1, 2020. The rates were set at \$0.01/kWh for the peak months of July and August, and \$0.00395/kWh for the shoulder months of May, June, September and October and set out zero for the other months of the year. These rates stayed in place for the 2nd Plan Year but resulted in a significant over recovery due to a slow uptake of the program during the first two years. The surplus was sufficient to fund the 3rd year of the program without having to collect any additional funds from ratepayers, so the DSM factor was set to \$0.00/kWh, and it currently remains in place.

General Rate Case

In the most recent Rate Case, Docket No. 4975, the Commission approved BIUD's request to change from a rate structure that included higher distribution rates during the summer peak season which ran from June 1st through September 30th and lower rates for the months of October - May. The new rate structure consists of 3 pricing periods, including a summer period (July and August) that has the highest distribution rates, a shoulder season (May, June, September and October) with lower rates, and the lowest rates occurring during the off-season months of November – April. The rate filing also addressed cost savings that BIUD realized when it became a not-for-profit. Those savings included the following: Gross Receipts Taxes, Depreciation, Income Taxes, Dividends and Sales Tax, and as a result BIUD's filing was a revenue neutral filing with no increase in its revenue requirements. The approved rates went into effect on June 1, 2020.