

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC : DOCKET NO. 25-45-GE
COMPANY D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY : DOCKET NO. 25-33-GE
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE :
IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE DISTRIBUTION :
RATES AND MOTION TO REOPEN TARIFF :
ADVICE – HOLD HARMLESS :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) is conducting evidentiary hearings commencing on **Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC’s offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The PUC will not be accepting public comments at these hearings. A separate notice will be posted for the hearing where the public will be invited to provide comments. Written public comments may be sent to the PUC’s offices in care of Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk or to stephanie.delarosa@puc.ri.gov.

At this hearing, PUC will examine The Narragansett Electric d/b/a Rhode Island Energy’s (Company) request for an increase to base distribution rates that was filed on November 26, 2025. The Company is proposing a two-year rate plan. For the first year, of the proposed rate plan, the Company originally requested a base distribution increase of approximately \$65.9 million for the electric system and approximately \$114.7 million for the gas system. For the second year of the proposed rate plan, the Company originally requested an increase of approximately \$17.6 million for the electric distribution system and approximately \$3.8 million for the gas distribution system.

On April 16, 2026, the Company submitted a Motion to Reopen in Docket No. 25-33-GE seeking approval of temporary tariffs to provide miscellaneous bill credits to electric and gas distribution customers in satisfaction of the Hold Harmless Commitment associated with PPL Rhode Island’s acquisition of the Company. If approved, the proposal would increase the Company’s requested electric and gas base distribution revenue requirement by removing the currently reflected hold harmless credits from rates, while separately providing customers with bill credits during January through March of 2027 and 2028. The impact in the first year on the Electric revenue requirement is an additional \$12.8 million and the impact on the Gas revenue requirement is an additional \$15.2 million. This matter has been consolidated with the base distribution rate case.

On May 11, 2026, the Company revised its request to increase the revenue requirement in its Rebuttal testimony. Inclusive of corrections, updates, and the removal of the hold harmless credit currently in rates, for the first year of the revised proposed rate plan, the Company is

requesting a base distribution revenue requirement increase of approximately \$77.4 million for the electric system and approximately \$130.0 million for the gas system. For the second year of the proposed rate plan, the Company is requesting an increase of approximately \$8.9 million for the electric distribution system and approximately \$13.4 million for the gas distribution system. If approved as filed, the impact on a typical residential customer using 500kWh per month in the first year would be \$9.02 cents per month or 5.5% while the impact on a typical residential gas heating customer would be \$391 per year or 23.4%.

Following the conclusion of hearings on both matters, the Commission may approve different revenue requirements and resulting rates than those filed by the Company.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed under the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-25-45-GE>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Stephanie De La Rosa
Commission Clerk
May 22, 2026