

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR THE
WOONSOCKET SUBSTATION – NASONVILLE SUBSTATION 115kV TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD AND ALTERATION PROJECT FOR NORTH SMITHFIELD AND BURRILLVILLE,
RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2025-01

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-98 and 42-35, and Sections 1.8(a) - (d) and 1.9 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), the Energy Facility Siting Board ("Board") will conduct a hearing regarding the above-captioned matter on **Wednesday, July 29, 2025, beginning at 9:30 AM in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** Pursuant to Rules 1.8.A and 1.18.C, the hearing may continue from day to day, time to time, and place to place, as required.

The Narragansett Electric Company ("Narragansett" or the "Company") filed an application with the Board to construct a new 115 kV transmission line between the Woonsocket Substation in North Smithfield and the Nasonville Substation in Burrillville which proposed line is referred to as the U-170 line. The project also includes the relocation and rebuild of the existing B23 115 kV transmission line between the West Farnum Substation and the Nasonville Substation. Both the new U-170 and the relocated B23 line are proposed to be located on the same set of new double circuit steel structures in the applicable rights-of-way.

At the same time, the Company is proposing to remove and relocate a distribution line existing in a shorter segment of one of the rights-of-way that runs east to west to the Nasonville Substation. This distribution line is currently attached to the existing B23 pole structures underneath the higher voltage circuits. The distribution line will be relocated to a separate distribution line circuit and new set of poles on the southside edge of the right-of-way. Currently, there is only one line traversing through that segment of the right-of-way. The relocation will result in two lines in that segment – one large double steel structure containing the two 115 kV transmission lines and a second line with shorter poles comprising the relocated distribution line.

The approximate length of the project is 4.7 miles. The application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/index.html>.

As specified in the Preliminary Order issued on October 2, 2025, the Board designated twelve state agencies, local agencies, and political subdivisions of the state to provide the Board with advisory opinions in this matter. The purpose of the hearing is not to rehear the evidence that was presented in hearings before designated agencies, but rather to provide the opportunity to address – in a single forum, and from a consolidated, statewide prospective – the issues reviewed and the recommendations made in the proceedings before the designated agencies.

Parties intending to seek intervenor status are directed to the Rules, including but not limited to Section 1.10 (Intervention) and Section 1.4 (Appearances and Practice Before the Board). Pursuant to Rule 1.10(d)(1), motions to intervene are to be filed with the Coordinator at the address above by 4:00 PM EST on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Requests for interpreter services for the hearing impaired must be made to the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI, 401-780-2107, Stephanie.DeLaRosa@puc.ri.gov, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be streamed live to the public and archived via the internet at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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