STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY'S PROPOSED ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES FOR THE WINTER PERIOD	**:**	**DOCKET NO.: 26-27-EL**
	:	**DOCKET NO.: 26-25-REG**
	:	**DOCKET NO.: 24-54-EL**
	:	**DOCKET NO.: 26-28-EL**
	:	**DOCKET NO.: 26-23-NG**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws § 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission will conduct a public hearing on **September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on:

1. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy's (Company) proposed rate changes for electric service, to take effect October 1, 2026. Related filings can be accessed at the PUC's offices or online at https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-26-27-EL, https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-26-25-REG, and https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-24-54-EL.

2. The Company's tariff advice filing to apply Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds as a uniform bill credit to all residential electric customers for the months of January, February, and March 2027. Related filings can be accessed at the PUC's offices or online at https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-26-28-EL.

3. The Company's proposed rate changes for gas service, to take effect November 1, 2026. Related filings can be accessed at the PUC's offices or online at https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-26-23-NG.

The hearing will be streamed live at https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg. People interested in providing public comment may do so in person, or may participate by Zoom or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate by Zoom, please click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82373221707 and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 8237 3221 707 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, you may still watch the live stream to observe the hearing and hear others' public comments. Written public comments may be submitted by e-mail to PUC.PublicComments@puc.ri.gov, subject: RI Energy Rate Change.

The Company's proposed rate changes for electric service would affect electric rates for all rate classes. One of the proposed changes is the Last Resort Service (LRS) rate. The proposed residential LRS rate for October 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 is 17.029¢/kWh, compared to the current residential LRS rate of 11.092¢/kWh expiring on September 30, 2026. The Company's proposal is 2.259¢/kWh higher than the rates that were in effect last winter.

There are other proposed rate changes to take effect at the same time. Table 1 shows the categories of changes and estimates the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer taking LRS and using 500 kWh/month.

Table 1: Monthly Bill Impact of Proposed Electric Rate Changes for a Typical Residential Customer Taking LRS and Using 500 kWh/Month

	Docket	Impact of New Rates on Monthly Bill: Increase/(Decrease)
Last Resort Service	26-27-EL	$30.93
Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Reconciliation Factors	24-54-EL	$0.38
Renewable Energy Growth Program Reconciliation Factor	26-25-REG	($0.39)

If the proposed rate changes are considered in isolation, the impact on a typical residential customer taking LRS and using 500 kWh/month would be a monthly increase of $30.91 from $149.61 to $180.52, or about 20.7% on the total monthly bill. For all other customers, the impact would vary depending on rate class and usage.[1] However, there are other mitigating effects for residential ratepayers, which are viewable on the Commission's website under https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-26-27-EL and https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-25-45-GE.

In addition, the Company has filed a proposal to apply $28 million in RGGI auction proceeds as a uniform bill credit in the amount of $20.45 for all residential customers for the months of January, February, and March 2027. The credit is intended to further mitigate the impact of the winter rate increase.

The Company is also proposing changes to gas rates that would take effect on November 1, 2026. Table 2 estimates the annual impact of the proposed gas rates on a typical residential heating customer using 845 therms/year.

Table 2: Annual Bill Impact of Proposed Gas Rate Changes for a Typical Residential Heating Customer Using 845 Therms/Year

	Docket	Impact of New Rates on Annual Bill: Increase/(Decrease)
Gas Cost Recovery Charge	26-23-NG	($37.11)
Distribution Adjustment Charge	26-23-NG	($5.05)

The impact on a typical residential heating customer using 845 therms/year would be an annual decrease of $42.16 from $1,970.62 to $1,928.45 or about 2.1% on the total annual bill. For all other customers, the impact will vary depending on rate class and usage.[2]

[1] Due to publishing deadlines, bill impacts for electric customers are calculated under the assumption that the Company's compliance filing in its ongoing base distribution rate case, Docket No. 25-45-GE, is approved as filed.
[2] Due to publishing deadlines, bill impacts for gas customers are calculated under the assumption that the Company's compliance filing in its ongoing base distribution rate case, Docket No. 25-45-GE, is approved as filed.

Reference is hereby made to chapters 39-1, 39-3, and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The Commission is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing-impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at (401) 780-2107 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Stephanie De La Rosa,
Commission Clerk
September 4, 2026