

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: REVIEW OF BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT FILINGS  
DOCKET NO. 4975 – APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES  
DOCKET NO. 4690 - STANDARD OFFER & TRANSMISSION RATE RECONCILIATION  
DOCKET NO. 5013 - DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-11, as amended and 39-2-1.2(b), the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct hearings to examine the propriety of proposals submitted by the Block Island Utility District (BIUD) to implement program and rate changes in Docket Nos. 4975, 4680 and 5013. The hearings will be held in Hearing Room A, at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island on the following dates and time. The hearings will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

**April 30, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.** – Public comment will be taken on all three dockets. People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate 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://zoom.us/j/247786340> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may dial 929-205-6099 and enter meeting ID 247 786 340#. 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.

**May 5, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.** – In Docket No. 4975, Block Island Utility District (BIUD) filed to implement new rates and schedules designed to collect total revenues of \$3,291,335. BIUD proposes no overall rate increase. BIUD proposes rate design changes which will change the rates for of each customer class. The proposed rate design changes include: (1) changes to the current two-tiered seasonal rate structure to a three-tiered seasonal rate structure, with the highest peak rates in July and August, the next highest shoulder rates in May, June, September and October, and the lowest off-peak rates in the remaining months; (2) elimination of the residential demand rate; (3) elimination of the public authority rate classes; (4) changes to the demand rate for large users so that it will be based on the user's highest demand during July and August; and (5) the addition of an energy efficiency surcharge of 1 cent per kWh in July and August and 0.395 cent per kWh for May, June, September and October. Under the proposed rates, most monthly bills will be higher in May, July, August and October, but will be lower in all other months. On April 10, 2020, BIUD filed a Settlement between itself and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers that made adjustments to certain expense categories but did not change the requested revenue requirement nor the design of rates as described herein.

**May 5, 2020 @ 11:30 A.M., or immediately following the rate hearing, whichever is later** - In Docket No. 4690, BIUD proposes rate changes arising out of the twelve-month reconciliation of Company's tariff adjustment provisions for the Standard Offer and Transmission Rate. The requested effective date for the new rates is June 1, 2020. The impact of the proposal on a residential customer using 500 kwh of electricity per month during the months of October through

May will be an increase of \$0.21 per month from \$141.48 to \$141.69; and for the months of June through September, an increase of \$0.21 per month from \$220.93 to \$221.14. Review of this docket may continue May 6, 2020, if needed.

**May 6, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.** – In Docket No. 5013, BIUD submitted a Demand Side Management Plan (Plan) and associated budget to implement energy efficiency program and system reliability for its customers. BIUD seeks approval of the Plan with an overall budget of \$120,000 for calendar year 2020. The program will be funded through the collection of the Efficiency Surcharge: \$0.01/kWh from all customers during the peak months of July and August and \$0.00395/kWh for the shoulder months of May, June, September, and October. Ratepayer funding for this proposal was included in the BIUD Application to Change Rate Schedules. The propriety of the budget and design of that funding will be reviewed at this hearing.

The PUC may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by the Block Island Utility District.

The filings are available for examinations at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4975page.html> for Docket 4975, <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4690page.html> for Docket 4690 and <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5013page.html> for Docket 5013. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. 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.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
April 17, 2020