

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

IN RE: COMMISSION’S REVIEW OF THE	:	
BENEFITS AND COSTS OF NET METERING	:	DOCKET NO. 5010
CREDIT CALCULATION PURSUANT TO	:	
R.I. GEN. LAWS § 39-26.4-3	:	

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DOCKET**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.4-3(a)(ii), the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a study to examine “the cost and benefit to all customers of the inclusion of the distribution charge as part of the net-metering calculation.” On February 6, 2020, the PUC opened this docket to consolidate information, stakeholder input, and PUC work product related to this study. The docket is not a contested case, and the PUC does not anticipate issuing orders in this docket.

The PUC has created a webpage so the public can access the docket material as it is created. The webpage can be found at [www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5010page.html](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5010page.html). The PUC has also created a service list that staff will use to notify stakeholders of new material, meetings, and opportunities for public input to the study. To be added to the service list, contact the Commission Clerk, Luly Massaro, at [luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov](mailto:luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov) and reference Docket No. 5010.

The study aims to develop forecasts of net metering adoption under different net-metering-credit-rate scenarios, and to understand the costs and benefits of those adoption scenarios, with a focus on solar generators in a traditional net-metering configuration. The PUC has directed staff to work with stakeholders to gather data including customer loads, historical adoption of distributed generation, technical and financial parameters of distributed generation, and retail rates, among other information. Staff has also been directed to solicit public input on testing parameters.

Staff is currently developing a model to meet the aim of the study. The PUC anticipates staff will hold the first stakeholder meeting regarding the study in the spring of 2020.