

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island's proposed rate changes to take effect April 1, 2024 in various dockets. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81637373034> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 8163 7373 034 followed by the # symbol when prompted. 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.

Rhode Island Energy proposes rate changes to both electric and gas distribution rates which would take effect April 1, 2024. The rate changes would affect electric and gas customers in all rate classes. Table 1 shows the categories of changes and estimates the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer taking Last Resort Service (LRS) from Rhode Island Energy. Table 2 estimates the annual impact of the proposed gas rates on a typical residential heating customer's bill.

Table 1: Monthly Bill Impacts of Proposed Electric Rates for a Typical Residential Customer taking Last Resort Service (500 kWh/month)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of New Rates on Monthly Bill: Increase/(Decrease)</u>
SUPPLY CHARGES		
Last Resort Service Supply	24-04-EL	(\$39.68)
Last Resort Service Administration	24-07-EL	(\$0.59)
Renewable Energy Standard	24-08-EL	\$1.90
DELIVERY CHARGES		
Electric Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	23-48-EL	(\$0.16)
Net Transition Charge	24-07-EL	(\$0.11)
Transmission Charges	24-07-EL	\$4.27
Net Metering Charge	24-07-EL	\$3.26
Renewable Long-Term Contracting Charge	24-07-EL	\$1.70

Last Resort Service Adjustment	24-07-EL	(\$6.06)
	Net Monthly Decrease:	(\$35.47)

The impact on typical residential LRS customer using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$35.47, from \$167.94 to \$132.47 or 21.1% on the total bill. For non-residential customers, the impacts will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

Table 2: Annual Bill Impact of Proposed Gas Rate for a Typical Residential Heating Customer (845 therms/year)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of Rate Increase on Annual Bill</u>
Gas Infrastructure, Safety, & Reliability	23-49-NG	\$48.28

The impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually is an increase of \$48.28, from \$1,692.31 to \$1,740.59 or 2.9%. The impact on other customer rate class will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

The proposals are available for examinations at the PUC's office. The proposal can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/>, Docket Menu, Docket Nos. 24-04-EL, 24-07-EL, 24-08-EL, 23-48-EL, and 23-49-NG. 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
March 1, 2024