

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC : DOCKET NO. 25-45-GE
COMPANY D/B/A RHODE ISLAND ENERGY : DOCKET NO. 25-33-GE
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE :
IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE DISTRIBUTION :
RATES AND MOTION TO REOPEN TARIFF :
ADVICE – HOLD HARMLESS :

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) is conducting a public comment hearing on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.** at the PUC, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888. The purpose of the hearing is to accept comments from members of the public. Remote participation will be available by Zoom by clicking the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282421871> or calling 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 8328 242 1871 followed by the # symbol when prompted. Bags will not be allowed in the hearing room.

The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>. *If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comments.*

On November 26, 2025, Rhode Island Energy filed a request to increase electric and gas base distribution rates under a proposed two-year rate plan. The request was modified in two additional filings on April 16, 2026, and May 11, 2026. As modified, the Company is requesting an increase of \$77.4 million for electric distribution service and approximately \$130.0 million for gas distribution service. For the second year of the proposed plan, the Company is seeking increases of approximately \$8.9 million for electric distribution service and approximately \$13.4 million for gas distribution service.

In addition to seeking an increase in distribution rates, the Company also is proposing to accelerate credits to customers relating to PPL Rhode Island's acquisition of the Company that took effect in May of 2022. The credits have been referred to as "Hold Harmless Credits" because they are intended to hold customers harmless from certain tax impacts caused by the acquisition. Under that proposal, the Company proposes to provide credits to customers which total approximately 89.6 million for electric distribution customers, and approximately \$89.6 million for gas distribution customers. How credits would be applied to electric and gas rates would be determined by the Commission in these proceedings.

If the revised proposal is approved as filed, the Company estimates that a typical residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see an increase of approximately \$9.02 per month, or 5.6%, during the first year of the plan in base electric distribution rates. A typical residential gas heating customer would see an estimated increase of approximately \$391 per year, or 23.4% in base gas distribution rates. However, the Hold Harmless credits could

partially offset the impact of the proposed rate increases depending upon the timing and manner through which they are provided.

The Commission will consider public comments, testimony, and other evidence submitted in the proceedings before issuing a final decision. The Commission may approve rates and revenue requirements that differ from those proposed by the Company.

Written public comments may be sent to the PUC's offices, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888 in care of Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk or to stephanie.delarosa@puc.ri.gov.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed under the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-25-45-GE> and <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-25-33-GE>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2017, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

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