

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT :  
TARIFF ADVICE : DOCKET NO. 4563

ORDER

On May 6, 2015 and pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC or Commission) Rule of Practice and Procedure 1.9(c), Pascoag Utility District (Pascoag) filed a tariff advice requesting modification of tariff number RIPUC 606, Pascoag's public and private street lighting tariff. Specifically, Pascoag sought to add 120 watt and 240 watt LED floodlights to the tariff.<sup>1</sup> Pascoag provided that it had received a grant as part of the Rhode Island Regional Green House Gas Initiative, known as RGGI, to replace some of its existing streetlights with LED streetlights. The grant money allowed Pascoag to purchase fifteen LED floodlights.<sup>2</sup> Pascoag identified the benefits of LED floodlights to include the reduction in kWh usage and cost to customers, longer expected bulb life, and improved lighting.<sup>3</sup> Pascoag stated that the cost of public street lighting will be assessed to the Harrisville Fire District in the Village of Harrisville and to directly to its electric customers equally in the Village of Pascoag.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pascoag Utility District Tariff Advice (May 6, 2015). Filings generally are available at the PUC offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island or at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions.html), organized by docket number.

<sup>2</sup> Pascoag Resp. to Comm'n Data Req. 1 (May 21, 2015).

<sup>3</sup> Pascoag Resp. to Comm'n Data Req. 2 (May 21, 2015).

<sup>4</sup> Pascoag Utility District Tariff Advice. In Docket No. 4137, the Commission approved a tariff advice requesting modification of the manner in which Pascoag recovers street lighting costs. Historically, Pascoag had recovered the costs from the respective villages, Harrisville and Pascoag, which would then in turn pass the cost through to residents of the respective village as part of a tax levied on its residents. In this Docket, the Commission approved Pascoag's request to bill the residents of the Village of Pascoag directly.

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum on May 28, 2015. The memorandum noted that the Division had no objection to Pascoag's requested tariff change.<sup>5</sup>

At an Open Meeting on June 3, 2015, the PUC approved Pascoag's tariff modification request. The Commission recognizes Pascoag's continued efforts to protect its customers from the increasing costs of electricity.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22023) ORDERED:

Pascoag Utility District's tariff modification to RIPUC No. 606 filed on May 6, 2015 is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, JULY 1, 2015 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JUNE 3, 2015. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 6, 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

  
Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

  
Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Rhode Island Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.

<sup>5</sup> Memo. of Al Contente (May 27, 2015).