

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: BLOCK ISLAND POWER COMPANY :
TARIFF ADVICE TO ADD LED STREETLIGHTS : DOCKET NO. 4579
TO THE STREETLIGHTING TARIFF :

ORDER

On September 30, 2015, the Block Island Power Company (BIPCo) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) a Tariff Advice to amend BIPCo's Streetlighting Tariff to include a schedule for Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).¹ BIPCo also requested the PUC find that good cause existed to allow the filing to go into effect with less than 30 days' notice and without a hearing on the basis that it represents a rate decrease for the Town of New Shoreham.²

BIPCo received a grant from the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) using funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to offset the majority of cost of purchase and installation of LED streetlight fixtures. Most of the 74 lights are owned by the Town of New Shoreham and, as part of the grant award, OER required BIPCo to file a streetlighting tariff to reflect the lower cost of operating LEDs as compared to the existing mercury vapor lights. The September 30th tariff filing reflects those cost savings.

On October 14, 2015, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a memorandum recommending approval of the tariff.³ At an Open Meeting held on October 16, 2015, after a review of the filings, the PUC approved the Tariff Advice, allowing it to go into effect with less than 30 days' notice and without a hearing, finding it to be in the public interest to approve a rate

¹ Tariff Advice Filing. [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4579-BIPo-StreetLighting-Tariff\(9-30-15\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4579-BIPo-StreetLighting-Tariff(9-30-15).pdf).

² Tariff Advice Filing Cover Letter.

³ Division's memorandum. <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4579-DPU-Memo.pdf>. The Town of New Shoreham did not object to the Tariff Advice. The Town inquired whether maintenance costs were included in the tariff rates to which BIPCo responded in the negative.

reduction expeditiously and at least cost to ratepayers. Once the LEDs are fully installed, the Town will realize a cost savings of \$8,650 annually.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22169) ORDERED

Block Island Power Company's Streetlight Tariff filed on September 30, 2015 is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON OCTOBER 16, 2015. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED OCTOBER 21, 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 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.