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

IN RE: BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT : DOCKET NO. 4606 WAIVER REQUEST UNDER TO R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27(g) :

NOTICE OF FILING AND TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

The Block Island Utility District (BIUD) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition for waivers from certain requirements of the Utility Restructuring Act of 1996 (URA) under R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27(g), specifically for exemption (1) from the requirement to transfer ownership of generation facilities to an affiliated company, and (2) from the prohibition against selling electricity at retail. If the waiver is granted, BIUD will own and operate a rooftop solar generation project. The power generated (and the related renewable energy certificates) will be sold to produce revenue for BIUD that will be dedicated to making capital improvements on BIUD's electric system. The purpose of the exemption is to facilitate the installation and operation by BIUD of a rooftop solar project on certain buildings located on the BIUD's property. This project is valued at about \$300,000 and is being donated to BIUD.

Interested persons wishing to offer comments on BIUD's petition may file written comments by **4:00 P.M. on May 19, 2020** with the Commission Clerk. All submissions shall be made electronically to <u>luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov</u> or by mail to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.

The petition is available for examination at the Commission's office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The petition can also be accessed at: <u>http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4606page.html</u>.

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk May 11, 2020