

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

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT :
LED STREET LIGHT TARIFF ADVICE : **DOCKET NO. 4679**

ORDER

On December 8, 2016, Pascoag Utility District (Pascoag or District) filed a tariff advice with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) seeking to replace RIPUC No. 607 with RIPUC No. 608. The stated reason for the proposed change to the tariff is Pascoag's replacement of its 150 Watt high power sodium (HPS) Decorative Street Lights with 73 Watt light emitting diode (LED) Decorative Street Lights. Pascoag represented that the change will result in savings of approximately 428 kWh per year per fixture. Although Pascoag identified a reduction in kWh per fixture, it represented that customers will experience an increase of \$0.46 in current rates due to the fact that Pascoag had charged the same rate for the 150 Watt HPS Decorative Street Lights that it had since they were installed by the State of Rhode Island in 2005.¹

In response to data requests filed by the Commission, Pascoag provided that once thirty-six new fixtures have been retrofitted, it anticipates savings of \$146.65 per month or \$1,711.80 and 518.76 kWh per fixture annually.² Pascoag also identified a savings of \$1,329.48 per year in maintenance, labor, and bulb costs.³

The Division filed a memorandum on January 24, 2017 supporting the proposed change but identifying the annual energy savings per fixture as 428 kWh.⁴ Subsequent to receipt of the

¹ Pascoag Utility District LED Street Light Tariff Advice at 4 (Dec. 8, 2016). Filings made in the instant matter are available at the PUC offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island or at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4679page.html>.

² COMM 1-1, COMM 1-2 (Jan. 17, 2017).

³ COMM 1-7 (Jan. 17, 2017).

⁴ Div. Mem. (Jan. 24, 2017)

Division's memorandum, the Commission filed an additional data request asking Pascoag to explain the discrepancy in kWhs saved in the original filing (428 kWh) and in its response to COMM 1-1 (518.76 kWh). Pascoag responded by noting that the figure provided for in the original filing was incorrect and that the correct figure was 518.76 kWh saved.⁵ Based on Pascoag's response, the Division filed a revised memorandum with the correct figure approximated at 518.⁶

At an Open Meeting on January 30, 2017, the Commission unanimously approved Pascoag's proposed changes to its tariff, finding them to be consistent with Pascoag's commitment to provide its customers with safe and reliable service and in the best interest of those customers.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22832) ORDERED:

Pascoag Utility District's proposed changes to add 73 Watt LED Decorate Streetlights to its tariff are approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JANUARY 30, 2017. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JUNE 30, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson



Herbert F. DeSimone, Commissioner



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



⁵ COMM 2-1 (Jan. 25, 2017).

⁶ Revised Div. Mem. (Jan. 26, 2017).

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 Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.