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

IN RE: PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT

2019 ANNUAL RECONCILIATION RATE FILING : DOCKET NO. 4895 2019 DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS : DOCKET NO. 4894

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct hearings on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 18</u>, <u>2018 at 9:30 A.M. and at 1:00 P.M.</u> to consider Pascoag Utility District's Docket Nos. 4895 and 4894, respectively. The hearings will be held in Hearing Room A of the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. The hearing will be streamed live at <a href="http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg">http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg</a>.

In Docket No. 4895, the PUC will examine Pascoag Utility District's request to implement rate changes arising out of the reconciliation of its tariff adjustment provisions for the Standard Offer Service Rate, Transition Service Charge and Transmission Service Charge effective for consumption January 1, 2019. Specifically, Pascoag seeks to implement the following rate changes: 1) to increase the Standard Offer Service Rate from \$0.07166 per kWh to \$0.07793 per kWh, 2) to increase the Transition Service Charge from \$0.00040 per kWh to \$0.00161 per kWh, 3) to increase the Transmission Service Charge from \$0.02973 per kWh to \$0.03186 per kWh, and 4) to decrease the Purchase Power Restricted Fund credit from (\$0.00469) to (\$0.00291). The combined net impact of the proposed rate changes on a typical residential bill using 500 kWh per month would result in an increase of \$5.69 or 7.6% from \$75.31 to \$81.00. The PUC can approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by Pascoag. The PUC will also undertake a review of Pascoag's 2019 supply procurement portfolio pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-27.8.

In Docket 4894, Pascoag Utility seeks approval of its proposed 2019 Demand Side Management Program (DSM) with an overall budget of \$182,746 to implement energy efficiency programs and renewable energy resources targeted at different classes of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The budget includes the continuation of the legislative mandated charge of \$0.0023 per kWh, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-2-1.2(b), for application in the billing months of January 2019 through December 2019 to fund the DSM programs (of which \$0.002 supports DSM and \$0.0003 supports the Renewable Energy Development Fund). The DSM charge represents a monthly charge of \$1.15 on a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month.

The PUC may rule immediately at the end of the hearings. The filings may be examined at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed under the PUC's Docket Menu at <a href="www.ripuc.org">www.ripuc.org</a>, Docket No. 4895 and Docket No. 4894. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 401-780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk December 17, 2018