

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 4975

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 12:30 P.M.** in the Town Hall, Council Chambers located at 16 Old Town Road, Block Island, Rhode Island. The PUC will solicit public comments on the Block Island Utility District's application to change rate schedules.

In this docket, Block Island Utility District (BIUD) filed to implement new rates and schedules designed to collect total revenues of \$3,291,335. BIUD proposes no overall rate increase. BIUD proposes rate design changes. The proposed rate design changes include: (1) change the current two-tiered seasonal rate structure to a three-tiered seasonal rate structure, with the highest peak rates in July and August, the next highest shoulder rates in May, June, September and October, and the lowest off-peak rates in the remaining months; (2) eliminate the residential demand rate; (3) eliminate the public authority rate classes; (4) change the demand rate for large users so that it will be based on the user's highest demand during July and August; and (5) add an energy efficiency surcharge of 1 cent per kWh in July and August and 0.395 cent per kWh for May, June, September and October. Under the proposed rates, most monthly bills will be higher in May, July, August and October, but will be lower in all other months. For a year, the impact on an average residential customer will be an annual decrease in the bill of 49 cents per year, or -0.1%.

The application may be examined at the PUC's office and can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4975page.html. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Block Island Town Hall is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
December 27, 2019