

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

**IN RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE TREATMENT :
OF STORAGE AS AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION : DOCKET NO. 5000
SYSTEM RESOURCE :**

NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS

On December 17, 2019, the PUC opened an Investigation into the Treatment of Storage as an Electric Distribution System Resource. Discussion of this matter may be found in Order No. 23748 (Dec. 23, 2019); <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4982-EpiscopalDiocese-Ord23748%2012-23-19.pdf>. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will accept comments on the scope of the above-referenced docket through **January 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

The docket will include the following broad topics: (1) identification of the costs and value streams of distributed energy resources under each of the programs in which renewable energy distributed energy resources can currently participate; (2) identification of the costs and value streams of distributed energy resources paired with storage under each of the programs in which renewable energy distributed energy resources can currently participate; (3) understanding whether and how the design and purpose of a paired system changes the costs and value streams; (4) identification of a definition of inappropriate market activity; (5) understanding of concerns with time-of-use rates and implications on the previously identified costs and value streams; and (6) ownership of capacity and ancillary services values.

Commenters should list each proposed topic together with an explanation of any problem that currently exists which needs to be solved, whether the proposed topic is a short-term or long-term priority, and whether there are any related dockets or issues that would be affected by the proposed topic. If the proposed topic has been addressed by any other New England public utilities commission or legislature or the New York Public Service Commission, the commenter should so advise the PUC and provide any relevant citations. Commenters are also invited to reference the treatment of the proposed topic by other states. The PUC will finalize the scope of the docket and the appropriate process after a review and consideration of proposals received in response to this Notice.

All filings shall be made electronically to luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov and an original and nine (9) hard copies shall be provided to Luly Massaro, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888. The docket can be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/5000page.html.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 2, 2020