

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. D/B/A NATIONAL GRID'S 2022
ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM PLAN - DOCKET NO. 5189**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M. and Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The PUC will receive public comment from interested members of the public beginning at **9:30 A.M. on December 6, 2021**. Interested members of the public can make comment in person or in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85923669703> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. You will be prompted to enter a name and an email address to enter the meeting. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 869-5359-7591 followed by the # symbol when prompted; you do not need to enter a participant ID when prompted. (The Zoom link will close at the expiration of the public comment period.) If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's (National Grid) proposed 2022 Annual Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Annual Plan). The Annual Plan is submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-1-27.7(c) and the Least Cost Procurement Standards as approved by the PUC in Docket No. 5015. The Annual Plan proposes budgets to implement electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs to Rhode Island energy consumers and is funded through the Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP) charge that is collected from National Grid's electric and gas customers. National Grid seeks approval of the Annual Plan.

The proposed 2022 Annual EEP budget for the electric programs is approximately \$122.6 million. National Grid proposes an EEP charge of \$0.01426 per kWh for all customers receiving Last Resort Service for effect January 1, 2022. An average residential electric customer on the A-16 rate would see a monthly bill increase of \$1.62 or 1.3%. An average residential electric customer on the A-60 rate would see a monthly bill increase of \$1.22 or 1.3%. The proposed 2022 Annual EEP budget for the gas programs is approximately \$36.7 million. National Grid proposes an EEP charge of \$1.221 per dekatherm for residential gas customers and \$0.836 per dekatherm for commercial and industrial gas customers for effect January 1, 2022. The proposed EEP charge for electric and gas which will be collected through a fully reconciling funding mechanism. An average residential gas customer on the Residential Heating rate would see an annual bill increase of \$30.51 or 2.2%. An average residential gas customer on the Residential Heating Low Income rate would see an annual bill increase of \$22.88 or 2.3%.

The proposed funding requested in the 2022 Annual Plan would result in in the following increases in the funding required from ratepayers:

Rate Category	Funding Required in Rates from Ratepayers in 2021	Funding Required in Rates from Ratepayers in 2022	Resulting Increase in Rates
Gas Residential and C&I	\$28.1 Million	\$41.7 Million	\$13.6 Million
Electric	\$75.4 Million	\$103.3 Million	\$27.9 Million

The funding required in rates from ratepayers in 2021, above, does not include \$22.8 million in electric and \$6.7 million in gas that was collected in 2020 and carried forward into 2021.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5189page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

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

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
November 26, 2021