

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION : DOCKET NO. 22-47-WW
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES :**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** at the office of the Narragansett Bay Commission's Main Conference Room located at One Service Road, Providence, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on the Narragansett Bay Commission's application to increase its rates filed in the above subject docket. The evidentiary hearing will commence on June 6, 2023 at the PUC's office, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) seeks to implement a multi-year rate plan that would increase rates in five phases. In the first phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on December 5, 2022, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$11,257,959 to support a total revenue requirement of \$115,574,327. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 11.1% on all residential and nonresidential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, the request will result in an increase of \$57.69 in their annual bill from \$519.17 to \$576.86. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption.

In the second phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2024, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$8,735,691 to support a total revenue requirement of \$124,310,018. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 7.76% on all residential and nonresidential rates.

In the third phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2025, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$3,103,269 to support a total revenue requirement of \$127,413,287. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 2.56% on all residential and nonresidential rates.

In the fourth phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2026, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$2,112,378 to support a total revenue requirement of \$129,525,665. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 1.70% on all residential and nonresidential rates.

In the fifth phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2027, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$5,776,999 to support a total revenue requirement of \$135,302,663. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 4.57% on all residential and nonresidential rates.

The application is available for examination at the PUC's office. The application can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-47-WW>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

These buildings are 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 E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
February 27, 2023