

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES :  
 BUDGET REQUEST TO PERFORM CEILING : DOCKET NO. 4604  
 PRICE SERVICES OR STUDIES FOR THE :  
 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM :

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION’S  
 FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS  
 TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES (OER)  
 (Issued May 3, 2023)  
 (Please respond by May 15, 2023)

2023-1. Please add a column to the middle of the table on page 3 of the filing to reflect the actual amounts spent.

**Please see the requested table below.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Approved Budgeted Amount (2023 PY)</b>	<b>Actual Amounts Incurred (2023 PY)</b>	<b>Proposed Budgeted Amount (2024 PY)</b>
<i>Review of Testimony/ Identification of Issues</i>	\$2,251	<b>\$1,789</b>	\$2,526
<i>Discussion of Issues with Internal Team</i>	\$1,302		\$1,451
<i>Drafting and Revising Rebuttal Testimony</i>	\$7,644	<b>\$3,602</b>	\$8,611
<i>Potential Data Request Responses Regarding Rebuttal Testimony</i>	\$1,360	\$ -	\$1,532
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>\$12,557</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,391</i></b>	<b><i>\$14,120</i></b>

SEA would like to share two clarifying notes with regard to this table:

- The \$1,789 represents a combined amount of time over several short team meetings to refine an approach. Given that these discussions included both review and discussion of the DPUC’s direct testimony, it was difficult to specifically separate the amounts of time associated with review and identification of issues as compared to discussion of those issues with the team.
- The above rebuttal testimony expenditures in support of OER and the DG Board in Docket 22-39-REG represent efforts to respond to the DPUC’s direct testimony with regard to only a single issue raised – the reasonableness of assuming bonus depreciation in light of recent statutory authorization to create a tax credit transfer regime.

SEA expects that if the DPUC or other parties had raised other issues, we would have drawn down more funds. The respectful request for approval of the proposed 2024 PY

budgeted amount is to allow for budgetary headroom that can support possible rebuttal testimony on possible issues that DPUC, Rhode Island Energy or other parties may raise during the 2024 docket proceedings. Ultimately, SEA would only draw down on the funding needed for the docket proceeding if any rebuttal comments are filed on the 2024 ceiling prices.