

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 24, 2023

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Friday, February 24, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Commissioner John Revens, John Harrington, Alan Nault, Christopher Caramello, Emma Rodvien and Luly Massaro.

- I. Commissioner Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings:**
 - Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meeting held January 31, 2023. Chairman Gerwatowski seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - Commissioner Revens moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meeting held January 25, 2023. Chairman Gerwatowski seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0**
 - Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings held January 20, 2023, December 20, 2022 and August 30, 2022. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 23-02-EL Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy –** Rhode Island submitted a tariff advice filing to create a new tariff that will govern the utilization of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) auction proceeds to provide bill credits to customers in the A-60 rate class for effect March 1, 2023. The bill credit will be in the amount of \$41.45 and applied on bills issued from March 1 2023 through March 31, 2023 to electric distribution customers enrolled in the A-60 which is the low income rate class. The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and the George Wiley Center submitted a position supporting approval. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Company’s tariff advice filing. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 23-05-EL Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy –** Rhode Island Energy submitted a tariff advice filing to change the existing Net Metering Provision for effect April 1, 2023. Commissioner Anthony moved to suspend the tariff filing to further investigate the proposal. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 23-07-EE - System Reliability Procurement and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement (Least Cost Standards or LCP Standards) -** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7(a), the PUC adopts standards and guidelines for System Reliability Procurement and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement (LCP Standards). These LCP Standards are subject to periodic review and appropriate amendment by the PUC, which review will be conducted not less frequently than every three (3) years after the adoption of the standards and guidelines. This docket is opened to review the current LCP Standards
- VI. There being no further discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132568326>.