

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is conducting a hearing on **Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 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 time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

This docket relates to the PUC's examination of Narragansett Bay Commission's (NBC) multi-year rate application plan submitted November 4, 2022. NBC sought to implement rate increases over five phases (for FY 2024, FY 2025, FY 2026, FY 2027, and FY 2028). In the first phase of the increase, NBC proposed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$11,257,959 to support a total cost of service of \$115,574,327. The rate impact of the increase would 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.

Under the proposed rate plan, NBC's rate increases would generate additional operating revenue in the amount of \$8,735,691 in FY 2025, additional operating revenue in the amount of \$3,103,269 in FY 2026, additional operating revenue in the amount of \$2,112,378 in FY 2027, and additional operating revenue in the amount of \$5,776,999 in 2028. The impact of the rate increases on all residential and nonresidential customers, would be an across-the board increase of 7.76%, 2.56%, 1.7% and 4.57%, respectively.

A Settlement Agreement executed between Narragansett Bay Commission and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (collectively, the Parties) resolving outstanding issues in the docket was submitted on June 14, 2023. Per the Settlement Agreement, the NBC will collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$9,646,691 to support a total cost of service of \$115,814,922. If approved, the impact of the Settlement Agreement would be an across-the-board rate increase of 9.37% on all residential and nonresidential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, it will result in a \$48.65 increase in their annual bill from \$519.17 to \$567.82. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption. At this hearing, the PUC will examine the Settlement Agreement.

The docket, including the Settlement Agreement, 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.

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 E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
June 20, 2023