

NOTICE OF FILING

Block Island Utility District (“BIUD”) hereby gives notice that on September 30, 2019, BIUD filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) new rates and schedules designed to collect total revenues of \$3,291,335 (Docket No. 4975). BIUD is seeking no overall rate increase. However, due to proposed rate design changes, the impacts will vary by rate class.

The proposed rate design changes include: (1) change the current two-tiered seasonal rate structure to a three-tiered seasonal rate structure, with the highest peak rates in July and August, the next highest shoulder rates in May, June, September and October, and the lowest off-peak rates in the remaining months; (2) eliminate the residential demand rate; (3) eliminate the public authority rate classes; (4) change the demand rate for large users so that it will be based on the user’s highest demand during July and August; and (5) add an energy efficiency surcharge of 1 cent per kWh in July and August and 0.395 cent per kWh for May, June, September and October.

Under the proposed rates, most monthly bills will be higher in May, July, August and October, but will be lower in all other months. For a year, the impact on an average residential customer will be an annual decrease in the bill of 49 cents per year, or -0.1%.

The new rates were proposed to take effect on November 1, 2019. However, the Commission suspended the effective date of the proposed rates and no rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation on the proposal. The Commission will publish a notice of the hearing dates when they are scheduled. At that time, ratepayers may comment on the proposal. A public comment hearing has been scheduled for January 9, 2020 at 12:30 P.M. at the Block Island Town Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the hearing will be moved to January 23, 2020.

A copy of the filing is available at the offices of BIUD’s attorneys, Michael R. McElroy and Leah J. Donaldson, 21 Dryden Lane, P.O. Box 6721, Providence, RI 02940-6721, and at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888, and may be examined by the public during business hours.

The filing can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4975page.html>.

This notice is given pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Block Island Utility District