

NOTICE TO ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY CUSTOMERS

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR BASIC GENERATION SERVICE CHARGES PROCURED BY RECO ON BEHALF OF ITS BASIC GENERATION SERVICE CUSTOMERS

AND

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RECOVERY THROUGH ITS BASIC GENERATION SERVICE CHARGES OF COSTS RESULTING FROM STATEWIDE AUCTION FOR BASIC GENERATION SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. ER23030124

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 30, 2023, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed its “Annual Proposal for Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) Requirements to be Procured Effective June 1, 2024” (“Filing”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”). By the Filing, RECO requested that the Board approve the procurement of BGS supply through a statewide competitive auction process, with new BGS charges to become effective June 1, 2024. BGS is provided to all RECO customers who do not procure their electric supply requirements from a third-party supplier.

The Board mandates that all New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies (“EDCs”), including RECO, provide BGS in accordance with the requirements of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (“Act”). BGS is currently procured through a statewide competitive auction process in which the EDCs seek offers for BGS supply from electric generation suppliers. In this auction process, electric generation suppliers bid, in a descending-clock auction, on specified portions of the electric requirements for BGS customers for each of the EDCs. Every year since 2001, the Board has approved this type of auction and found that this auction process meets the statutory requirements of the Act. The Filing is available at: [RECO 2023 BGS Filing](#).

The final price for RECO’ Basic Generation Service – Residential Small Commercial Pricing (“BGS-RSCP”) auction conducted in 2023 cleared at 9.648 cents per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for a 36-month supply period. For RECO’s Basic Generation Service – Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing (“BGS-CIEP”) auction conducted in 2023, the price to procure BGS-CIEP supply cleared at \$288.46 per megawatt-day.

RECO’s Central and Western Divisions operate in a non-PJM Interconnection area. Therefore, RECO’s BGS rates include an energy and capacity price for the Central and Western Divisions which is blended with the BGS auction price to obtain RECO’s BGS rates. By the Filing, RECO proposed a competitive bid process to secure an energy price and proposed to use an estimate of future capacity prices to develop the Central and Western portion of RECO’s BGS rates.

The final prices for the BGS supply procured in the 2024 BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP auctions may be higher or lower than the prices obtained in the 2023 auctions. Auction prices are converted to customer charges, which may be higher or lower than current charges, depending on the outcome of the auctions, consistent with market conditions. BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates may change to reflect any increases or decreases in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved transmission charges.

Customer classes eligible to be served under the BGS-RSCP rate include customers served under RECO’s Service Classification Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and Service Classification No. 2 customers with a peak load share less than 500 kW. RECO customers served under Service Classification No. 7 and Service Classification No. 2 customers with a peak load share of 500 kW or greater are eligible to be served under the BGS-CIEP rate. These criteria for BGS-CIEP service are subject to change at the discretion of the Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a virtual public hearing is scheduled for the following date and time so that members of the public may present their views on this matter:

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Join by WebEx:

Go To www.webex.com and choose “Join a Meeting” at the top of the web page.

When prompted, use Meeting number 2631 157 4340 and Meeting Password A9XieU8FZ3@ to access the meeting.

-or-

Join by phone:

Dial in: 844-621-3956 United States Toll Free

When prompted, use meeting number 2631 157 4340 to access the meeting. If prompted to provide an attendee ID, you may choose the option in the prompts to allow you to skip this step.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearing. Members of the public may participate by utilizing the link or Dial-In number set forth above to express their views on this matter. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Secretary of the Board at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments may be submitted directly to the Board by using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#). Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage, <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board will conduct an additional legislative-type hearing on September 18, 2023, beginning at 10 A.M., regarding the BGS proposals. It is anticipated that the Board will rule on the EDCs’ BGS proposals shortly thereafter. The Board’s Agenda Meeting schedules can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu>.

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