

NOTICE TO ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY CUSTOMERS

A Filing and Public Hearings Notice

In the Matter of the Petition of Rockland Electric Company's Annual RGGI Surcharge Filing Reconciling Costs for Calendar Year 2020 and Estimating Costs for Calendar Year 2021

BPU Docket Number ER21010087

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 29, 2021, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) requesting review and approval to reconcile costs and revenues for its Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) Surcharge and update the Company’s RGGI Surcharge (“Filing”). The Company’s currently approved RGGI programs include the Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (“EES Program”), Low Income Audit and Direct Install Energy Efficiency Program II and III (“Low Income Audit Programs”), Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Program I & II (“SREC Programs”), and Transitional Renewable Energy Certificate (“TREC”) Program. The EES Program and Low-Income Audit Programs provide energy efficiency (“EE”) audits and EE measures for the Company’s low-income customers. The SREC Programs are solar financing programs where the Company purchases SRECs from solar projects and sells the SREC’s in an auction with other New Jersey electric companies. The TREC Program is the bridge between the SREC Program and a yet-to-be determined successor incentive program. RECO seeks to recover certain costs attributable to these programs, which amounted to a total of \$2,589,353; including over and under recovery.

In the filing, the Company proposed to increase the RGGI Surcharge rate from 0.1285 cents per kWh, including Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”) (0.1205 cents per kWh, excluding SUT) to 0.1836 cents per kWh (0.1722 cents per kWh, excluding SUT) with a proposed effective date of June 1, 2021. Throughout the course of the proceeding, RECO updated its actual expenses and revenues through April 2021 (“Update”). As a result of the Update, the Company’s proposed to recover certain costs attributed to these programs, which amount to a total of \$1,532,956, including over and under recovery, and a RGGI Surcharge of 0.1088 cents per kWh including SUT (0.1020 cents per kWh, excluding SUT).

Based upon the Company’s Update, the statewide average residential customer using 808 kWh per summer month, and 7,800 kWh on an annual basis, would see a monthly decrease of \$0.13 from \$105.30 to \$105.17, or approximately 0.12%.

The effect of the proposed RGGI Surcharge on typical residential electric bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated below:

Residential Electric Service				
Typical Average Monthly Bill (Includes Sales and Use Tax)				
	Bill Amount		Increase	
	Present (1)	Proposed (2)	Amount	Percent
650 kWh average monthly use	\$105.30	\$105.17	\$(0.13)	(0.12)%
925 kWh average monthly use	\$152.18	\$151.99	\$(0.19)	(0.12)%
1,500 kWh average monthly use	\$250.01	\$249.72	\$(0.29)	(0.12)%

- (1) Based upon Basic Generation Service- Residential and Small Commercial Pricing Fixed Pricing (“BGS-RSCP”), and Delivery Rates in effect April 1, 2021, and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from RECO.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes proposed change in RGGI Surcharge.

The Company’s Petition is posted on the Company’s website at <https://www.oru.com/en/nj-rates-tariffs>.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following date and times by a hearing officer designated by the Board so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s Filing:

Telephonic Public Hearings will be Held:

Date: June 30, 2021
Times: 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM
Telephone number: 518-708-8084
Passcode: 419 161 224#

If you elect to attend or participate in the telephonic public hearing, please dial the “Telephone number” and enter the “Passcode” provided above.

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to listen and express their views on this Filing. Such comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. The Board will also accept email/written comments. While all comments are given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of the proceeding, the recommended method for submission of comments is via email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the public may email comments with the Board Secretary, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov, or through the Board’s External Access Portal after

obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board's IT Helpdesk at BPUITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-filing can be found on the Board's home page at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, P.O. Box 350, New Jersey 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number when submitting comments.

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