## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**DOCKET NO: 22-47-WW** 

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

## NOTICE OF FILING AND CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES

On November 4, 2022, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 39-3-11 and Part 5 of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Narragansett Bay Commission ("NBC") hereby gives notice that it has filed an application to increase its rates with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). In its filing, NBC seeks to implement a multi-year rate plan that would increase rates in five phases.

In the first phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on December 5, 2022, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$11,257,959 to support a total revenue requirement of \$115,574,327. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 11.11% on all residential and non-residential 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.

In the second phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2024, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$8,735,691 to support a total revenue requirement of \$124,310,018. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 7.76% on all residential and non-residential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, the request will result in an increase of \$44.77 in their annual bill from \$576.86 to \$621.63. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption.

In the third phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2025, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$3,103,269 to support a total revenue requirement of \$127,413,287. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 2.56% on all residential and non-residential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, the request will result in an increase of \$15.90 in their annual bill from \$621.63 to \$637.53. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption.

In the fourth phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2026, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$2,112,378 to support a total revenue requirement of \$129,525,665. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 1.70% on all residential and non-residential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, the request will result in an increase of \$10.83 in their annual bill from \$637.53 to \$648.36. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption.

In the fifth phase of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1 2027, NBC's proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$5,776,999 to support a total revenue requirement of \$135,302,663. The impact of the proposal will be an across-the-board increase of 4.57% on all residential and non-residential rates. For an average residential customer, using 150 gallons of water per day, the request will result in an increase of \$29.60 in their annual bill from \$648.36 to \$677.96. The impact of the rate increase on all other customers will vary depending upon the customer's classification and consumption.

Please note that while NBC is requesting this revenue increase, the Commission, after full investigation and hearings, may order a different revenue increase and rates.

While the new rates in the first phase of the increase are proposed to become effective December 5, 2022, the Commission can suspend the rates for up to eight months from the proposed effective date. No rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation and hearing on the proposal. The Commission will publish a notice of the hearing dates when they are scheduled. Ratepayers may comment on the proposed rate increases at that time.

A copy of the application is on file for examination at the NBC's office One Service Road, Providence, Rhode Island and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, and can be accessed at <a href="https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-47-WW">https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-22-47-WW</a>. A copy of the filing was also provided to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Department, Consumer Division.

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