

# NOTICE TO ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY CUSTOMERS

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS

### NOTICE OF A FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**BPU Docket No. QO23120875**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on December 1, 2023 Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed a Verified Petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), seeking the Board's approval of a portfolio of Energy Efficiency (“EE”), Building Decarbonization (“BD”), and Demand Response (“DR”) programs and a related cost recovery mechanism (“EE Program”).

By Orders dated May 24, 2023 and July 26, 2023, the Board directed New Jersey’s public utilities (“Utilities”) to achieve energy reduction targets set by the Board and implement EE, DR, and BD programs to achieve those energy reduction targets (“Triennium 2 Orders”). The Triennium 2 Orders established penalties for the Utilities if the targets are not achieved and incentives if the targets are exceeded, and permitted the Utilities to recover the costs of their EE, DR, and BD programs and any revenues lost by the Utilities as a result of these programs.

By the Petition, the Company requests BPU approval to implement nine (9) EE programs, one (1) BD program, and one (1) DR program (collectively, “Programs”). The Company anticipates that the Programs will achieve 56,825 MWh of electric energy savings at a projected cost of \$54,923,120. The Company proposes to recover the costs of the Programs through the “Clean Energy Act (“CEA”) II Program” component of the Company’s existing Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) Surcharge.

The Company proposes that the initial “CEA II Program” component of the RGGI Surcharge be set at 0.141 cents per kWh, including SUT.

The effect of the proposed “CEA II Program” component of the Company’s existing RGGI Surcharge on typical residential electric bills as of April 1, 2024, if approved by the Board, is illustrated below:

<b>Residential Electric Service</b>				
Typical Average Monthly Bill (Includes Sales and Use Tax)				
	Bill Amount		Increase	
	Present <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed <sup>(2)</sup>	Amount	Percent
650 kWh average monthly use	\$141.77	\$142.69	\$0.92	0.65%
925 kWh average monthly use	\$205.96	\$207.26	\$1.30	0.63%
1,500 kWh average monthly use	\$339.93	\$342.05	\$2.12	0.62%

(1) Based upon Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Delivery Rates in effect April 1, 2024 and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from RECO.

(2) Same as (1) except includes the addition of the CEA II Program component of the SBC.

By the Petition, the Company calculates that the average monthly electric bill for a typical residential

customer with an annualized monthly usage of 925 kWh is \$205.96. The Clean Energy Act II Program component of the RGGI Surcharge would increase this bill by \$1.30 to \$207.26 or by 0.63% in the first year. In the second year, this bill would increase by \$2.65 to \$209.91 or by 1.28%. In the third year, this bill would increase by \$1.66 to \$211.57 or 0.79%. The maximum bill impact will occur within year 2027, and a typical residential customer bill using an average annualized monthly usage of 925 kWh will increase by approximately \$5.61 to \$211.57, or 2.72%, from the current bill. The percentage change applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable service classification and the level of the customer's usage.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as a result of the Company's Petition may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other good and legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision. The Company's electric costs addressed in the Petition and subsequent updates will remain subject to audit by the Board, and Board approval shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any such actions deemed appropriate as a result of any such audit.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that virtual public hearings are scheduled on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

Date: June 6, 2024

Times: 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Join from the meeting link:

<https://conedison.webex.com/conedison/j.php?MTID=mf30450c0044b76e194185e3a41a2fe9c>

-or-

Go To [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com) and choose "Join a Meeting" at the top of the web page.

When prompted, use Meeting Number (access code) 2630 896 9864 to access the meeting.

Meeting Password: EhWhKDP7\$82

-or-

Join by phone:

Dial 1-844-621-3956 (United States Toll Free)

When prompted, use Meeting Number 2630 896 9864 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.

The Petition is posted on the Company's website at

[https://lite.oru.com/\\_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/rockland-electric-company-triennium-2-filing.pdf](https://lite.oru.com/_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/rockland-electric-company-triennium-2-filing.pdf)

A copy of this Notice is also being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service territory.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in number set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will be made a part of the final record in this 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 or listening devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. 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, Sherri L. Golden. 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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