

## 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 Extension Petition**

**BPU Docket No. EO20090623**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on December 5, 2023, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed a letter petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) seeking approval to extend, by six (6) months, the energy efficiency (“EE”) programs previously approved by the Board to be implemented for a three-year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (“Triennium 1” or “T1”). The EE programs were proposed by RECO and approved by Board in accordance with the Clean Energy Act of 2018 (“CEA”). RECO is seeking approval for a budget of \$5.6 million for the six-month extension. The Petition states that the requested budget is designed to meet customer demand for the Company’s current Triennium 1 Program.

The Company’s Triennium 1 programs were approved by Board Order on June 9, 2021. By Order dated May 24, 2023, the Board directed each electric and gas public utility to propose EE programs for Triennium 2 on or before October 2, 2023. By Order dated October 25, 2023, the Board found it was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest to provide additional time for Board Staff (“Staff”) and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) to conduct a thorough and diligent concurrent review of the Triennium 2 filings, as well as to provide parties and interested stakeholders with additional time to review, analyze, and discuss the filings. As a result, the Board ordered that Triennium 2 programs would commence on January 1, 2025, concluding on June 30, 2027, and directed the electric and gas utilities to each file a letter petition to extend their Triennium 1 programs by six (6) months to December 31, 2024 (“Extension Period”).

RECO will seek recovery of the Extension Period costs in future annual rate filings through its Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) Surcharge, which recovers costs associated with the Company’s Board-approved EE programs (“Programs”). The current Programs provide a broad range of EE and Peak Demand Response (“PDR”) offerings for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including special resources for low to moderate income customers. The Programs include discounted energy saving measures, grants, financing opportunities, technical assistance, and other resources to help address barriers to saving energy and making investments in EE and PDR improvements more accessible for all customers. Pursuant to Board Orders dated June 9, 2021 (Docket Nos. QO19010040 and EO20090623) and April 26, 2023 (Docket No. ER22020034), the Company may recover all reasonable and prudent costs associated with the Programs. The approved and proposed costs include funds for grants, customer incentives and the associated incremental Operations and Maintenance expenses, along with associated carrying costs. The Company’s filing is available for review at the Company’s website at:

[https://lite.oru.com/\\_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/triennium-extension-2024.pdf](https://lite.oru.com/_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/triennium-extension-2024.pdf)

Since recovery will be sought by the Company in a subsequent filing, this request results in no immediate impact on any customer’s bill at this juncture and is strictly for approval for the BPU-ordered extension of the Triennium 1 Program.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: March 14, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

#### Join by WebEx:

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 2634 280 9607 and Meeting Password W9ViYP4cs?4 to access the meeting.

-or-

Join by phone:

**Dial in:** 1-844-621-3956 United States Toll Free

When prompted, use meeting number 2634 280 9607 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.

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

Representatives of the Company, Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings.

Members of the public are invited to participate utilizing the link or dial-in information above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will become 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 accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. 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. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public 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 at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

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

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