

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ROCKLAND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY CUSTOMERS**

**In the Matter of Rockland Electric Company's Annual Societal Benefits Charge Filing  
Reconciling Costs for 12 Months Ending July 31, 2022 and Estimating Costs for 12 Months  
Ending July 31, 2023**

BPU Docket No. ER22040245

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, on April 1, 2022, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) made an Annual Compliance Filing with supporting documentation requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) approve increases in RECO’s Societal Benefits Charge (“SBC”) (“April 1 2022 Filing”). The SBC allows the Company to recover costs associated with RECO’s demand-side management (“DSM”) programs, the Clean Energy Program, the Universal Service Fund and Lifeline programs, and the Company’s uncollectible expenses. The SBC is adjusted annually pursuant to RECO’s tariff. RECO proposed to increase only the SBC components pertaining to the DSM, the Clean Energy Program component, and the uncollectible expense programs (“Component Programs”). The Company most recently updated the DSM and Clean Energy Program rates on October 1, 2021 and the uncollectible expense component rate on January 1, 2022.

By the April 1 2022 Filing, RECO proposed to increase the overall Component Programs’ rate to 0.4503¢/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”), including sales and use tax (“SUT”), from its current rate of 0.3556¢/kWh, including SUT, for all classes of customers effective August 1, 2022. This increase would result in a total SBC rate of 0.7758¢/kWh, including SUT.

Following the April 1 2022 Filing, the Company updated the DSM, Clean Energy Component, the uncollectible expense component, the Universal Service Fund, and the Lifeline component rates of its SBC. Based on these updates, the Company proposed an increase in its overall SBC Component Programs’ rate to 0.4217¢/kWh, including SUT, resulting in a total SBC rate of 0.8418¢/kWh, including SUT.

The effect of the proposed SBC changes on typical residential electric bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #1.

Based on the April 1 2022 Filing, the statewide average residential customer using 808 kilowatt hours per summer month, and 7,800 kilowatt hours on an annual basis, would see an annual bill increase of \$7.16 from \$1,499.16 to \$1,506.32, or approximately 0.3%. The percentage change applicable to specific customers will vary according to the customer’s service classification and the usage. Any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers in any rate or schedule as the Board may determine.

The April 1, 2022 Filing is posted on the Company’s website at [https://lite.oru.com/\\_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/RECO Electric Annual SBC Filing.pdf](https://lite.oru.com/_external/orurates/documents/nj/pendingelectricregulatoryfilings/RECO%20Electric%20Annual%20SBC%20Filing.pdf)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual public hearings are scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on this matter:

**Date:** April 25, 2023  
**Times:** 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Join by meeting number via 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 132 355 3009 to access the meeting.

-or-

Join by phone:

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

When prompted, use meeting number 132 355 3009 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 hearings. Members of the public may participate by utilizing the link or Dial-In number set forth above to express their views on this matter. 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](mailto: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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, certain rules requiring paper submissions have been temporarily waived. 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/>. Please include the docket number listed above to assist in identifying the matter you are commenting on.

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

Secretary of the Board  
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Phone: 609-913-6241  
Email: [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov)

**Table #1  
Residential Electric Service  
Typical Average Monthly Bill (Including Sales and Use Tax)**

	Present Charges (1)	Proposed Charges (2)	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
650 kWh average monthly use	\$124.93	\$125.36	\$0.43	0.3
925 kWh average monthly use	181.27	181.88	0.61	0.3
1,500 kWh average monthly use	298.88	299.87	0.99	0.3

- (1) Based upon Basic Generation Service – Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Delivery Rates in effect March 1, 2023, and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from RECO.  
(2) Same as (1) except includes currently proposed change in the SBC.

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