STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2020-A PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATIONAND DISTRIBUTION OF REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE A UCTION PROCEEDS

RESCHEDULED AS TELECONFERENCE ON:

MARCH 26, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

Dial-In 1-877-416-0724

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The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) proposes the <u>2020-A Plan for the Allocation</u> <u>and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds</u> (2020-A Plan) and gives notice of intent to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Plan and to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally and/or in writing on the proposed 2020-A Plan.

In light of the unprecedented health crisis around us and to protect the health and safety of our stakeholders, visitors, and employees, OER <u>cancelled</u> its in-person public hearing that had been scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Instead, OER is heeding the advice of the Governor and public health officials and rescheduling this public hearing to receive public comment by telephone.

The new hearing date is March 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

To join, please dial 1-877-416-0724 and use access code 16266942#.

All members of the public are welcome to join utilizing the information above and opportunities for public comment will be made available as normal course.

If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call OER at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance.

The proposed 2020-A Plan allocates and distributes the Rhode Island Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Program proceeds from the last two auctions held in 2019. Copies of the proposed 2020-A Plan can be obtained at OER, at <u>www.energy.ri.gov</u>, or by calling (401) 574-9105 weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., or by writing to:

> Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor Providence, Rhode Island 02908

OER encourages the submission of written comments. Written comments may be submitted by mail prior to the date of the public hearing at the address indicated above or by hand-delivery during the public hearing. The public record will be kept open for ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of the public hearing to allow additional time for the submission of written comments.

Signed this 18th day of March 2020

Nicholas Ucci, Acting Commissioner Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources