

We would like to briefly review the steps of the Rate Filing and to address what community members can be doing at this phase of the process.

The Commission has published a Procedural Schedule on its website; however, the schedule is subject to change, and we, along with the Division, have proposed modifications. In general, the process will follow the following steps. We will share the final schedule with the dates when they are finalized.

- First, there will be a deadline to file for intervention. This is not a deadline for public comment, but for parties who will be acting as formal intervenors.
- Next will be a Public Comment Hearing on island, likely at the PIA, pending availability. The meeting is currently scheduled to take place in September, however, the Division has requested that it be rescheduled for a date in the summer to allow the Island's summertime residents to attend. The meeting will be broadcast on the PUC website.
- Following the Public Comment Hearing, the Division and any intervenors will submit their testimony to the Commission, after which, A&R will submit rebuttal testimony to the Commission, and then the Division and intervenors will submit any additional testimony in response.
- Once all the testimony has been submitted, the Commission will hold Evidentiary Hearings at the Public Utilities Commission in Warwick. These hearings will be broadcast on the PUC website, but are not open for public comment.
- Following the hearing, the parties will submit any additional documents and briefs that are necessary for the Commission to be able to issue a decision.
- The Commission will then hold an Open Meeting, at which it will render its decision. The Open Meeting will be broadcast on the PUC website. A written Order will be issued by the Commission at a later date.
- A decision on the rate application must be established within 9 months of the filing date of March 9th, unless the parties agree to an additional suspension period.

What can community members do:

- Read the docket on the PUC website.
- Sign up for PBIT constant contact, where we will continue to share updates throughout this process and further clarify proposed tariff changes.
- Ask questions if you have them. Questions can be sent to admin@PI-Ferry.com. Please note we may not be able to answer some questions and will ask you to send them directly to the PUC, or to our counsel.
- Submit written comments to the PUC, including any items in the proposed tariff that you support as well as any concerns you have.
- Prepare to attend Public Comment Hearing.

Please make sure you're getting information from reliable sources, including the PUC and PBIT websites.

This is a lengthy process with multiple avenues for public input. While it may be helpful to share thoughts in a meeting like today's, please remember that only comments submitted directly to the PUC can be used in their decision-making process.

Because we want to ensure the PUC remains central to this process, we are not taking questions or comments at today's meeting. We will continue to share updates and attend meetings to help clarify the process and the proposed changes as we are able.

We thank you for your continued support and patience throughout this process!