Proposal Concerning Modifications to LIPA’s Tariff for Electric Service

Requested Action:

The Long Island Power Authority (the “Authority”) staff (“Staff”) proposes to modify the Authority’s Tariff for Electric Service (the “Tariff”) effective January 1, 2021 to implement the provision of Public Service Law §66-p to allow for landlords and prospective tenants access to the energy usage data of a rental property.

Background:

On April 18, 2020 Section 66-p of Public Service Law (PSL) became effective requiring that every electric corporation, gas corporation, and municipality shall provide a landlord or lessor of a residential rental premise billing information within ten days of a written request, for purposes of sharing it with prospective tenant or lessee.

Proposal:

Authority Staff proposes to modify the Tariff for Electric Service to be consistent with the new provision, Section 66-p of Public Service Law. This will allow for potential lessee, potential tenant, or the current landlord to request, in writing, for the total electric charges monthly or bi-monthly incurred for either the life of the property or the previous two years, whichever is shorter. These requests will be provided to the requesting party free of charge.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of providing this data is estimated to be $20 per a request to the Authority. If the Authority receives 100 requests per month, this would cost $24,000 annually.

Affected Tariff Leaves: 107B

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Staff is proposing to implement tariff revisions, allowing for potential lessors and landlords to receive the total electric charges of the premise for up to two years.
IV. Billing Process and Payment of Bills (continued):

C. Charges for Miscellaneous Services (continued):

10. Meter Reading Historical Information:

   a) Customers, ESCO’s and DRC’s may request and will be provided, if available, up to twenty-four (24) months of monthly or bi-monthly historical meter reading information without charge. Monthly or bi-monthly historical meter reading information for historical periods beyond the twenty-four (24) months will be provided, as available, for a charge of forty dollars ($40.00) regardless of the number of months of information requested or provided. Hourly or fifteen (15) minute interval data covering any historical monthly period will be provided, if available, at a charge of ten dollars ($10.00) for each meter reading period’s requested data.

   b) Customers who request their remote AMI meter reading data to be provided to them on a monthly basis will individually enter into a negotiated price agreement with the Authority.

      AMI customers can retrieve all available meter data from the Manager’s Website at no charge. Where available AMI will be used to collect meter data and measure net electricity transactions.

   c) Upon written request from a prospective tenant or lessee, the Authority will provide, at no cost, the total electricity charges incurred at the prospective residential rental premises for the life of the premises, or the preceding two-year period, whichever is shorter. Prior to the commencement of the tenancy or execution of a lease, the Manager will provide such information to the landlord or lessor and to the prospective tenant, or other authorized person, within ten days of receipt of the written request. The written request needs to include an email address where the requested data can be sent.

11. Metering Related AMI Charges:

   a) Residential Service Classification No.1 Customers (rates 180, 480, 481, 580) who are eligible to opt-out from installation of a smart meter (see Section III.E.5) but did not opt-out until after installation will be subject to a one-time fee (“One Time Meter Removal Fee”) as per the Statement of AMI Smart Meter Fees.

   b) Beginning January 1, 2023, customers who have opted out of receiving an AMI equipped smart meter will be subject to a daily opt-out fee (“AMI Smart Meter Daily Opt-Out Fee”) as per the Statement of AMI Smart Meter Fees.