

RHODE ISLAND Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS REGULATION

Concise Explanatory Statement Pursuant to RIGL § 42-35-2.3

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) has proposed this Regulation to set forth the specific rules and procedures applicable to access to public records maintained by the Division. The Division recognizes both the public’s right to access public records and the individual’s right to dignity and privacy. It is the Division’s policy to facilitate public access to all public records that may be disclosed in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1, *et seq.* It is also the policy of the Division to make all public records in the Division’s possession available for public inspection and copying consistent with applicable State or federal law, unless otherwise prohibited by a court of competent jurisdiction.