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Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket 1725 – Request for Extension of Winter Moratorium

Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") writes to comment upon the George Wiley Center's request dated March 27, 2017 to extend the Winter Moratorium from April 15, 2017, to May 1, 2017.

March, 2017 has been particularly cold and weather in April in Rhode Island, as noted, is often unpredictable and cold as well. The Division believes that the requested extension will afford the most vulnerable utility customers protection from termination during these likely adverse weather conditions as well as additional time to obtain the necessary funding to avoid utility service termination. The Division, therefore, recommends that the Public Utilities Commission grant the George Wiley Center's two-week extension of the Winter Moratorium from April 15, 2017 to May 1, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectively submitted,

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers By its attorneys,

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Assistant Attorney General

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