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Chairman Germani and Commissioners Bray and Roberti
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: Docket 4185

Dear Chairman Germani and Commissioners Bray and Roberti:

We write jointly in strong support of the Power Purchase Agreement between National Grid and Deepwater Wind submitted for Commission review in Docket 4185. We have previously expressed to the Commission the commitment of the Executive and Legislative branches to supporting renewable energy resources and building an industry in Rhode Island focused on these emerging technologies. Our branches of government have devoted a great deal of time investigating these issues over the last several years and have invested considerable resources pursuing these opportunities.

In particular, we believe that the offshore wind industry presents a unique chance for Rhode Island to be a national leader. With its ample offshore wind resources, an excellent deepwater port at Quonset, and the expertise associated with CRMC's Special Area Management Plan ("SAMP") for the Ocean Zone, Rhode Island is well-positioned to develop offshore wind and its associated industries. But approval of the Docket 4185 PPA is a critical step to the development of the offshore wind industry in Rhode Island. Approval of a contract indicates that Rhode Island is serious about the creation of an off-shore wind manufacturing and support hub for the region.

We respect and appreciate the efforts of the Commission and its staff in evaluating the PPA for commercial reasonableness. To that end, the General Assembly made clear the standard of review for this new PPA and also made clear that the appropriate comparison is not to other renewable resources or to projections of market power prices, but to what a power market expert would expect for a project of similar size, technology, and location. The question is, given the State's policy to develop a demonstration-scale offshore wind farm, is the PPA that has been negotiated commercially reasonable for that purpose?

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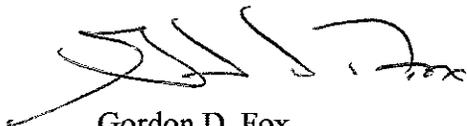
The General Assembly also attempted to assist the Commission in its review by requiring two agencies, Economic Development Corporation and Department of Environmental Management, to provide the Commission with expert advisory opinions in the areas of economic development and environmental benefits.

We know that the Commission is operating under a short statutory timeframe and thank the Commissioners and their staff for their hard work and commitment to meeting the deadline. Your efforts truly are important. Timely approval of the PPA will signal that Rhode Island is ready to lead this emerging industry.

Sincerely,



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Governor



Gordon D. Fox
Speaker of the House of Representatives



M. Teresa Paiva-Weed
President of the Senate