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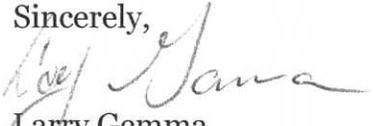
Luly E. Massaro,  
Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 4288

At Gem Plumbing we are highly interested in the solar market for our thousands of customers in Rhode Island. We believe that renewable energy (solar and wind) can create jobs and opportunities in the state while saving money on our utility bills and improving our environment.

When we saw that the solar/wind contract language (between National Grid and a commercial customer who wants to put solar electric in) and discussed it with our solar partner, we agreed that the draft contract is prohibitively costly and would deter our customers from investing in solar. We know that because we have a solar system on our roof. Given this contract language, we would have never gone solar. It appears you have come up with regulatory requirements that are meant for large independent power producers. In short, there are way too many requirements that are costly to a smaller commercial project.

We would appreciate it if you could throw out the contract and get it down to a manageable 5 pages. I would suspect that in Rhode Island that we can learn from other states who have a history of streamlining solar contracts so that we can support a robust solar industry that includes all sizes and customer classes of projects.

Sincerely,  
  
Larry Gemma  
President  
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