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THE ENERGY COUNCIL

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

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 11, 2014

Re: Docket # 4288, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources Report and Recommendations Regarding 2014 Distributed Generation Classes, Ceiling Prices, and Targets.

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am writing as both Executive Director of TEC-RI and as a member of the Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Board. I am writing to express my support of the technology classes, class allocations and the ceiling prices proposed by the DG Board and included in the plan submitted by the OER.

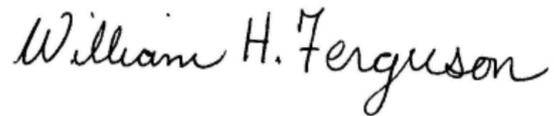
The prices and technology class allocations represent a measured approach to each technology based on the experience of the first three years of this pilot program. This approach has resulted in a gradual decrease in prices for solar projects. A small increase in prices for wind projects represents a measured approach to increasing participation by the wind technology which saw two projects in the initial stages of the program followed by the submittal and eventual withdrawal of two additional wind projects in the most recent round of solicitations.

TEC-RI is pleased with both the process and the modelling tool used to arrive at prices. Although it appears that there is not complete agreement by all stake holders regarding the wind component of the plan, the Board has the opportunity to submit revised allocations and/or prices during 2014 should additional convincing information be provided by stakeholders. This new information would have to

provide convincing information to the Board from stakeholders that the recommended wind prices do not allow for a reasonable profit for developers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments. If you wish to contact me I can be reached at (401) 585-5396 or bferguson2010@cox.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'F'.

William H. Ferguson, CEM, LEED AP
Executive Director, TEC-**RI**