



December 10, 2013

Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888  
c/o Luly Massaro

Dear Chair Curran, Commissioner Roberti, and Commissioner DeSimone,

People's Power & Light (PP&L) is a Providence-based nonprofit dedicated to making energy more affordable and environmentally sustainable. With that in mind, we respectfully urge the Commission to approve the 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan.

In the last few months, PP&L has had the opportunity to review the plan as it was being developed, to ask questions, and to make suggestions. We believe the Commission should support the Plan first and foremost because it is definitely cost-effective, a requirement of the Least Cost Procurement law. As you will observe, the Benefit-Cost ratio is 1.69 for natural gas and 3.14 for electricity. On a lifetime basis, electricity will be saved at a cost of under 3.5 cents per kilowatt hour, far below the standard offer and the full Avoided Energy Supply Cost for 2013.

The 2014 Plan has been substantially affected by the Toray Plastics CHP project. There were several tradeoffs made to accommodate that large project, but the project itself will contribute greatly to the cost-effectiveness of energy savings. The Plan incorporates the Toray project appropriately given the law and the Commission's prior approval of the Toray project. For 2015 and years afterward, PP&L will encourage planners to further increase energy savings from the core (non-CHP) programs.

The benefits of energy efficiency are hugely significant to Rhode Island given our dependence upon out-of-state generation and imported fuel. Every unit of energy saved contributes greatly to the state's Gross State Product and reduces greenhouse emissions. This state, which needs both lower cost energy and job creation, has a ready answer in the 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan.

Thank you for your attention,

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