

TO: The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

FROM: Matthew P. Edwards

RE: Response to Docket No. 4568 in re: Review of the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's proposed Rate Design Pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 39-26.6-24

DATE: 24 November, 2015

Members of the Commission,

My name is Matthew Edwards, and in July of this year I installed a 30 panel, 8.4 kilowatt, photovoltaic solar array on my home in Cumberland, RI. The underlying basis for my decision to convert to solar energy was an intrinsic urge to be a part of the clean energy movement, and cleave my dependence upon fossil fuel energy to help ensure a clean, sustainable planet for my children.

Financially, I was able to make this commitment because of Rhode Islands' decision to make clean energy production a priority. As one of the first beneficiaries of the Renewable Energy Growth Program's Feed in Tariff (FiT), the compensation of the FiT allowed for sufficient cost offset to justify this large financial investment.

Now, literally three months after our agreement, the Narragansett Electric Company is attempting to change the rules, and essentially cut the compensation that I was counting upon when I made the decision to invest in solar energy. How such a change can be even legally considered I know not, but I will focus my attention here on the moral implications of such a change. I find the idea of altering the terms of an agreement, after the fact, to be both morally reprehensible and completely devoid of the principles of fairness and forthrightness.

Increasing fees on current or potential clean energy producers disincentives investment in clean energy, and could bear dire consequences for our future efforts to proliferate the sustainable, renewable energy production in our state.

I hereby formally ask the Commission to reject this egregious proposal brought forth by Narragansett Electric Company, and force them to abide by the stipulations of the agreements entered into with citizens such as myself.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Edwards