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SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL:

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

RE: 2016 Ceiling Prices for the Renewable Energy Growth Program
(Docket No. 4589-B).

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board ("Board") is an original and ten (10) copies of the Commission's Fifth Set of Data Requests Directed to the Board (January 12, 2016) regarding the 2016 renewable energy growth program classes, ceiling prices and targets.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Majcher, Esq.

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Enclosure

c. Kenneth Payne
Christopher Kearns
Docket List: 4589-B

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF R.I. DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD
ON 2016 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH
CEILING PRICES, CLASSES AND TARGETS

DOCKET NO. 4589-B

COMMISSION'S FIFTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS

DIRECTED TO BOARD

(January 12, 2016)

Reply by January 13, 2016

COMM 5-1. Ian Springsteel wrote a letter to Kenneth Payne, dated September 30, 2015, regarding the Board's proposed ceiling prices. The letter was provided as Attachment COMM 1-11 in Docket 4589-A. Please provide a copy of Dr. Payne's written response to that letter.

Chairman Payne did not provide a written response to Mr. Springsteel's letter. After sharing National Grid's comments, OER discussed them verbally with Chairman Ken Payne, and Vice Chairperson Sue AnderBois of the Board. Chairman Payne, Vice Chair AnderBois, and OER were in agreement on potential adjustments to make to the ceiling price recommendations in light of the feedback received by National Grid. After that conversation occurred, OER followed up with National Grid by telephone and discussed some of the adjustments that would be made prior to the Board voting on the 2016 plan. The Board did make adjustments to the 2016 program recommendations, based on National Grid's suggestions, prior to voting on the 2016 plan at the Board's October meeting. The revised 2016 Plan eliminated the option for ceiling price categories to include options with and without property taxes and also provided flexibility for National Grid to make adjustments to megawatt allocations during the enrollment periods. However, the Board did not make any further adjustments to the wind turbine megawatt allocation, having already had internal discussion and stakeholder feedback on this allocation class throughout the process, and approved the recommended Pilot Program that was a part of the for the 2016 program recommendations.