

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: Docket No. 4600 – INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHANGING DISTRIBUTION AND THE MODERNIZATION OF RATES IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

**THE RHODE ISLAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE**

NOW COMES the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council (“EERMC”), and by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby applies for membership on the stakeholder committee to be formed for the above-referenced docket. In its March 18, 2016 “Notice of Commencement of Docket and Invitation for Stakeholder Participation,” (the “Notice”) the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) indicated that the purpose of the subject docket will be to develop a report to assist the PUC with its review of National Grid’s rate structure in future proceedings and that the docket will include the work of a group of stakeholders.

Membership eligibility for the stakeholder committee, according to the Notice, will be governed by those entities significantly affected by the proposed regulation and whose interests will not be adequately represented by membership of another entity. In accordance with the Notice, the EERMC represents the following:

1. The EERMC is the applicant for membership to this docket’s stakeholder committee and previously intervened in related PUC docket #4568.
2. The EERMC, at its March 10, 2016 Council Meeting, voted unanimously to approve submittal of a stakeholder committee membership application.
3. By this application, the EERMC attests that it shall actively participate, in good

faith, in the development of recommendations on issues under consideration in this docket.

4. The EERMC's interests cannot be adequately represented by other parties on this committee because of its unique statutory authority and obligations. Under R.I.G.L. §42-140.1-5, "Powers and duties," the EERMC has the authority to "develop and recommend for implementation plans, programs and standards for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and diversification of energy resources." Further, the EERMC is the Rhode Island entity responsible for developing and recommending for implementation; plans, programs and standards for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and diversification of energy resources under R.I.G.L. §42-140.1-5.

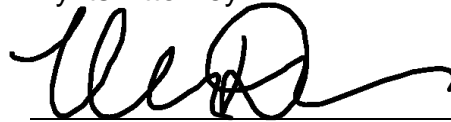
The position of the EERMC in this proceeding cannot be represented by any other party because it is the only entity with obligations to "[m]onitor and evaluate the effectiveness of programs to achieve energy efficiency, energy conservation, and diversification of energy resources," in the state. R.I.G.L. §§42-140.1-3(3), 39-26.6-24. Also, the unique composition of the EERMC is not replicated by any other entity in Rhode Island. Membership of the EERMC includes representatives from the following sectors of the Rhode Island community:

- Energy regulation and law
- Large commercial/industrial users
- Small commercial/industrial users
- Residential Users
- Low income users
- Environmental issues pertaining to energy
- Energy design and codes
- Electric distribution
- Gas distribution
- Fuel oil or heating fuel

For all the reasons hereinbefore stated, the EERMC respectfully requests that its application for membership on the stakeholder committee for docket #4600 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and  
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I filed an original and nine (9) copies of the within Application with the PUC and sent a true copy, via electronic mail, to the parties listed on the distribution list for docket #4600 as reproduced below, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2016.



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