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Chairperson Margaret Curran  
Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
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Dear Chairperson Curran and Docket 4600 Stakeholders:

In the last few years, Rhode Island has made tremendous progress towards a dynamic, innovative, and clean energy system. With the support of the General Assembly and other leaders, we have advanced an ambitious suite of energy policies that place our State at the forefront of energy innovation.

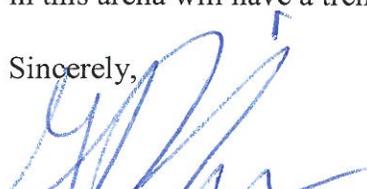
Docket 4600 is the critical next step. Your work has enormous implications for advancements that will affect all Rhode Islanders, such as increasing energy affordability and reliability, developing the market for clean energy, diversifying energy sources, and reducing the environmental impact of our energy use.

As we continue to explore new approaches to clean, affordable, and reliable energy, I appreciate that the Public Utilities Commission has created a process for rigorous analysis and debate in such a complex policy area. I look forward to a full analysis of the costs and benefits of all features of our grid and anticipate that the outcomes of this docket will inform my energy agenda.

In moving from analysis to action, I hope that the opportunities ahead will attract innovators to Rhode Island, encourage new ideas and technologies, and deliver benefits to all of our residents and businesses.

I want to thank the Commission and all stakeholders for their commitment to our State's energy future. I know many stakeholders will remain engaged as we drive Rhode Island forward to meet our ambitious energy, economic, and environmental goals. Undoubtedly, the Commission's leadership and ingenuity in this arena will have a tremendous impact on the State and our energy system.

Sincerely,



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