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Via Regular U.S. Mail & Email

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
RI Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket No. 4604 - The Office of Energy Resources (OER) - Budget Requests to Perform Ceiling Price Services or Studies for the Renewable Energy Growth Program (Request Date 11/7/2018)

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We write to amend the budget request for ceiling price studies and quality assurance studies filed by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources ("OER") on November 7, 2018. In addition, we have enclosed an original and nine copies of OER's response to the Public Utilities Commission's first set of data requests. As amended, OER and the DG Board are respectfully requesting approval from the PUC to receive Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) representing the anticipated costs for the ceiling price studies. Please note that there is no change to the budget request for One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$145,575.00) representing the anticipated cost for the solar quality assurance studies.

Through the request package submitted on November 7, 2018, OER indicated that it and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("DPUC") were interested in examining possible location-based incentives to be factored into ceiling prices for future Renewable Energy Growth Program years. OER and the DPUC are no longer pursuing such an examination through the ceiling price studies. For this reason, the amount being requested for ceiling price studies has been reduced by \$20,000 from the \$85,000.00 that was originally requested on November 7, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Marcaccio
Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Enclosures

cc: Service List (electronic only)