STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES :

BUDGET REQUESTS TO PERFORM CEILING : DOCKET NO. 4604

PRICE SERVICES OR STUDIES FOR THE : RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM :

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a technical session at its offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island on **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A. The technical session will be streamed live at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg.

This docket relates to the PUC's review of the filing made in this docket on February 25, 2021 under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-4(b) by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER). R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-4(b) provides that OER, in consultation with the Distributed Generation Board, shall be authorized to hire, or to request the electric distribution company to hire, the services of qualified consultants to perform ceiling price studies pertaining to the Renewable Energy Growth Program that is administered by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. The authority to hire consultants and charge the cost through electric rates is subject to PUC approval. In this filing, OER is requesting approval of a budget request of \$255,752 to perform program and ceiling price development for the 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program year.

At this technical session, the PUC will review the proposal with OER and its consultant, Sustainable Energy Advantage, to understand the scope of the proposal and to provide feedback on the work that will be performed in anticipation of hearings to be held in 2022 on the proposed 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program Year. The PUC will also be reviewing whether the scope of work addresses concerns raised by the PUC and Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) during the hearings on the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program Year. Representatives of the Division and The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid are expected to participate.

The proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The docket can also be accessed at http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4604page.html. Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk March 31, 2021