

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF A CHANGE IN ELECTRIC AND GAS)
BASE DISTRIBUTION RATES)
_____)

Docket 4770

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
BY
NEW ENERGY RHODE ISLAND**

By its attorneys, New Energy Rhode Island (NERI), moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to Rule 1.13 (a) and (b) of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). In support of this motion, NERI states:

1. As reflected in the attached authorization letters, NERI’s member participants for this proceeding currently include Partnership for Rhode Island Streetlight Management, the Washington County Regional Planning Council, Green Energy Development, Heartwood Group, Inc., Newport Solar, Clean Economy Development, LLC, ISM Solar Development, LLC and the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns. We expect additional entities to join in this advocacy and will update the PUC with any new participants in NERI’s advocacy for this docket.
2. NERI’s member participants either are developers or have ownership or other financial interests in Rhode Island energy projects.
3. Rule 1.13 states “any person claiming a right to intervene or an interest of such nature that intervention is necessary or appropriate may intervene in any proceeding before the Commission.”

4. Rule 1.13(b) defines an intervening interest as, “[a]n interest which may be directly affected and which is not adequately represented by existing parties and as to which movants may be bound by the Commission's action in the proceeding” or “[a]ny other interest of such nature that movant's participation may be in the public interest.” R.I. Code R. 53-2-16:17.
5. NERI actively participated in Docket 4600 and NERI members also participated in the Power Sector Transformation stakeholder process and National Grid’s filing in this docket does not properly account for the results of either proceeding, so this case provides an important opportunity for NERI to follow up and ensure follow through on its specific advocacy from those proceedings.
6. The proposed electric and gas base distribution rates threaten and impede NERI’s specific interests in its members’ existing and planned energy projects.
7. NERI has advocacy interests that will not be adequately represented by any other parties to this proceeding.
8. As specific examples, the electric revenue requirement fails to account for actual and anticipated load reductions from municipal streetlight purchases and LED conversions and it appears to exaggerate costs associated with staffing interconnection.
9. National Grid’s alleged revenue risk from the implementation of power sector transformation initiatives despite decoupling demonstrates that real power sector transformation will require displacing return on equity (and decoupling) with strong, well-crafted performance based incentives.
10. In this proceeding, NERI will advocate for positions that are consistent with the public interest as put forth in many Rhode Island statutes and public policies and as are manifest in the projects in

which NERI has interest including, but not limited to, electric supply diversification, energy security and resilience, stable and reduced energy costs, job creation and environmental benefit.

11. We have informed the service list of NERI's intent to intervene pursuant to Rule 1.13(e) and have yet to be informed of any objection.

Please direct service of any correspondence or pleadings in connection with this proceeding to:

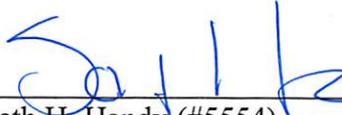
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WHEREFORE, NERI asks that the PUC grant this Motion to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW ENERGY RHODE ISLAND

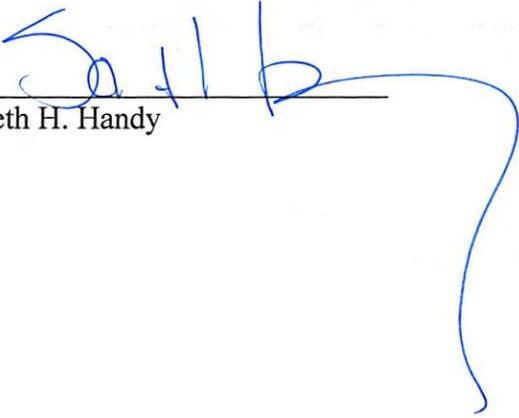
By their attorney,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 22, 2018, I sent a true copy of the document by electronic mail to the PUC and the service list and filed the original pleading and 9 photocopies with the PUC.



Seth H. Handy



Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns

January 22, 2018

Luly E. Massaro, Clerk
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89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket No. 4770 - In re: Application for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates and Docket No. 4880 - Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. We are a nonprofit membership organization that provides services and support to all thirty-nine municipalities in the state. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Brian M. Daniels
Executive Director



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**Re: Docket No. 4770 - In re: Application for Approval of a
Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates and Docket
No. 4880 - Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and
Implementation Plan**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents PRISM Streetlights and the Washington County Regional Planning Council with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. We are two related RI nonprofit corporations working in the energy sector with two employees and ten sub-contractors in RI. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey A. Broadhead
Executive Director,
Washington County Regional Planning Council

Executive Director,
PRISM Streetlights



376 Dry Bridge Rd.
North Kingstown, RI 02852

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Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents
Newport Solar with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770
and 4780. We are a Rhode Island solar installation business with fourteen employees in
RI. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important
stakeholder process. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Doug Sabetti
Newport Solar
NABCEP cert. #042013-114
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January 18, 2018

Luly E. Massaro, Clerk
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Re: Docket No. 4770 - In re: Application for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates and Docket No. 4880 - Power Sector Transformation (PST) Vision and Implementation Plan

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents Green Development, LLC ("Green") with regard to the issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. Green provides commercial and utility scale renewable energy solutions focused on building sustainable communities throughout Rhode Island. The company currently has more than 30 employees and 25MW of operational wind and solar with significant additional turbines, solar and biomass plans under development statewide. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Carpenter
V.P. Development
Green Development, LLC



January 22, 2018

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Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents Clean Economy Development, LLC with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. We are a Rhode Island business with 2 employees in RI. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you.

Name: Julian Dash

Title: Managing Partner

Signature:

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Date: January 22, 2018

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Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents ISM Solar Development, LLC with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. We are a solar development business with two employees in RI. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Michael Lucini
Manager



HEARTWOOD GROUP, INC.

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Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as authorization that Handy Law, LLC represents Heartwood Group, Inc. with regard to all issues considered in Dockets 4770 and 4780. We are a and energy project development and consulting business based in Providence, RI. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this very important stakeholder process.

Thank you,

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Fred Unger, President