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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
c/o Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Docket 4604 --2023 Renewable Energy Growth (REG) Program Year Ceiling
Price Development Scope of Services and Budget Request

Honorable Commission Members,

On April 27, 2022, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) and the Distributed Generation (DG) Board requested the PUC approve a budget in the amount of \$77,557 to support the development of the 2023 PY ceiling prices. Of the total request, \$65,000 is for core scope of work services to develop the ceiling prices, submitting direct testimony in the associated PUC docket, participating in hearings and responding to data requests. Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC, provided a more comprehensive listing of the proposed activities in their April 25, 2022 memorandum to OER and the DG Board, which was included with the filing. The listing of activities are in line with prior years and do not appear to be unreasonable.

In addition to the \$65,000 for core activities, \$12,557 is being requested to cover costs for the potential need for rebuttal testimony. In the past two dockets 5088 and 5202 the OER and the DG board filed rebuttal testimony to address the Division's objection to portions of the respective ceiling price filings. Though it is too early to determine whether there will be a need for rebuttal testimony, the Division believes that it is prudent and reasonable to budget for it. This budgetary request falls within the average requests for the past years of 2018 to 2020 sought by the OER and DG Board. The Division submits here that the Budget request for PY 2023 is reasonable and in keeping with prior years requests from the OER and DG Board.

The Division therefore has no objection to the OER's and DG Board's budget request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Hagopian".

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