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Dear Staff Members of our RI Public Utilities Commission,
Thank you for giving me this opportunity to submit my comments. I would like to comment in general to ask you to take us off using natural gas as quickly as possible. I just read about the scientific evidence that the upper layers of our oceans are holding much more energy and heat than was previously known and that we must do all we can now to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Methane is one of the most potent greenhouse gases. There are many methane releases from melting permafrost in the tundra which we can't control so we must stop our own human created methane releases which we know comes from our natural gas infrastructure and industry. We have to move to renewables and you are poised to actually make that happen.

Specifically I would like to address Section III. D. Policy Development.

- 1) Please make it a policy that we have no new natural gas installations. This will force the energy industry to focus on developing the renewable local sources we know we have: solar, heat pumps, geothermal, hydronic heat pumps with heat pump generated hot water for heating; wind.
- 2) Please create a timeline for phasing out all existing natural gas infrastructure.
- 3) Please prohibit the use of our Port of Providence for shipping and transporting natural gas, liquified gas, or any fossil fuel products. Much of what goes through the Port of Providence is not for RI anyway. We are being used as a fossil fuel transit hub which fouls our air with all the transport trucks, clogs our highways with the transport trucks, and is helping to give our most vulnerable children some of the highest rates of asthma in the country.
- 4) Pilot and support hydronic systems for using heat-pump-generated hot water to heat buildings.
- 5) Pilot and support local geothermal grids for heating and cooling.
- 6) Incentivize landlords and homeowners to move away from natural gas heating to renewable energy sources.

We need every sector of our government to work on this but the RI Public Utilities Commission must lead us. Our government is all of us working together. It took a huge government effort to have a shot at getting to the Moon, and it will take an enormous government effort to give our grandchildren a shot at being able to live safely on Earth. Please start with ending our use of natural gas: that will simultaneously reduce huge methane emissions and turn our attention and resources to the technology for renewables we already have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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