

Subject: PUC Docket 22-01-NG Future of Gas

Please consider this letter as my public input in regards to this PUC Docket 22-01-NG Future of Gas.

In addition to the subjects that are already included in the proposed docket, I believe the commission should look into the generation of individual solar energy systems as a possible viable alternative energy source to gas.

Currently one company, Rhode Island Energy (RIE) holds a monopoly on the distribution of both electric and gas pipeline products to the consumer. Because of this there is no incentive to RIE to support individual solar energy systems which could reduce the need for a gas utility. I believe solar energy could be developed in this state to a degree which could reduce the need for gas to almost zero.

Items of concern that would need to be consider include:

1. Moratorium on new gas hookups.
2. Requirements of all new construction projects to include solar power inclusion in its development. The solar power systems would need to have sufficient capacity to at a minimum to provide at a minimum all electrical and heating requirements for the construction project.
3. Who pays for the startup funding, public or private sector.

Thank you for adding this to the public comments.

Respectfully,

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