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Via Electronic Mail Only

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**Re: PUC Docket No. 23-44-REG**  
**Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program for 2024**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

The Distributed Generation Board (“DG Board”) wanted to provide the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) and parties to Docket 23-44-REG with the following two updates in relation to the 2024-2026 Renewable Energy Growth (REG) Plan:

- 1.) During the week ending February 9, 2024, Synapse Energy Economics released an updated version of the Avoided Energy Supply Costs (“AESC”) analysis for 2024. Following this release, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (“OER”) directed Sustainable Energy Advantage (“SEA”) to update the Benefit and Cost Analyses (“BCA”) filed in Docket 23-44-REG to reflect the new AESC values, in addition to the updated BCAs that the PUC requested through data requests that SEA responded to in January. OER anticipates that these updated BCA values will be re-filed in Docket 23-44-REG to the PUC no later than the middle of March 2024.
- 2.) As filed in December 2023, and pursuant to the requirements of R.I.G.L. § 39-26.6-22, the DG Board proposed three separate incentive-payment adders for projects sited on preferred sites that “require remediation” in PUC Docket 23-44-REG. While one such adder is intended for use by brownfield and Superfund sites, the other two adders are intended for projects sited on landfills that are (currently) uncapped landfill. The two initially proposed incentive-payment adders for landfills offered differentiated values based on whether the cost of closing and capping the landfill would be included.

Please see the attached SEA presentation provided to the DG Board. After consideration of feedback that SEA received from RI Energy and the questions posed through Docket 23-44-REG data requests, the DG Board voted at its February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to withdraw the incentive-payment adder that includes the cost of initial closing and capping of a landfill from the proposed 2024-2026 REG program plan. That adder is no longer being recommended by the DG Board for the Docket 23-44-REG proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert J. Vitali III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

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Deputy Chief of Legal Services

cc: Service List – as of January 29, 2024 (Electronic only)