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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

Luly Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: *The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy – System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Investment Proposal for Electric Demand Response 2024-2026 – Connected Solutions, PUC Docket #24-06-EE*

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of CPower, please find one original and nine copies of the Pre-filed Statement of Qualifications of Darren Hammell.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



David C. Fixler

Enclosure

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE)
NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO.)
D/B/A RI ENERGY'S SYSTEM)
RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT (SRP))
INVESTMENT PROPOSAL FOR)
ELECTRIC DEMAND RESPONSE 2024-)
2026 – CONNECTED SOLUTIONS)**

Docket No. 24-06-EE

**PRE-FILED STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
OF
DARREN HAMMELL**

**SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF
ENERWISE GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC D/B/A CPOWER**

JUNE 24, 2024

1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. Please state your name, business name and address.**

3 A. My name is Darren Hammell, and I am the Senior Director of Energy Storage for Enerwise
4 Global Technologies, LLC d/b/a CPower (“CPower”), located at 1001 Fleet Street, Suite
5 400, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

6 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

7 A. I am appearing here as an expert witness on behalf of CPower.

8 **Q. Please summarize your educational background.**

9 A. I have a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) in Computer Science Engineering from
10 Princeton University, conferred in June 2001.

11 **Q. Please summarize your business experience.**

12 A. I have been working for CPower since March 2021 and hold the position of Senior Director
13 of Energy Storage. In that role, I lead the design, development and installation of energy
14 storage projects at CPower’s customers. This involves determining national corporate
15 strategy for the energy storage business, researching and analyzing regional energy storage
16 markets and incentives, designing battery projects collaboratively with customers and
17 financing partners, and managing battery projects from inception through installation and
18 operation. Our storage team has built a project development portfolio of over 300 MWhs
19 of commercial and industrial (C&I) batteries in the northeastern United States.

20 Prior to coming to CPower, I co-founded Princeton Power Systems, a company that designs
21 and manufactures electronics for energy storage, microgrids, and electric vehicle charging.

22 Princeton Power Systems was a global leader with thousands of deployments across North

1 America, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. I served in various leadership roles at
2 Princeton Power Systems during my 16-year tenure, including Chief Strategy Officer, and
3 Chief Executive Officer.

4 In 2018, I left Princeton Power Systems to serve as a Fellow and Visiting Professor at
5 Princeton University’s Andlinger Center for Energy and Environment. In this role, I helped
6 university faculty establish and build companies to license and commercialize energy
7 technologies developed at the University. I also created and taught a course to
8 Undergraduate and Graduate students on Energy Innovation and Entrepreneurship,
9 winning awards for teaching excellence.

10 **Q. Have you testified before the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission**
11 **(“Commission”) or as an expert in any other proceeding?**

12 A. No.

13 **Q. Have you provided analysis in support of testimony or comments in any other utility**
14 **regulatory proceeding?**

15 A. Yes. I have participated in proceedings on incentives for behind the meter storage in
16 Connecticut, and have also participated in several workshops, and professional meetings,
17 mostly focused the integration of distributed energy resources in wholesale and retail
18 markets.

19 **Q. Please explain why you are uniquely qualified to provide testimony regarding**
20 **incentives for customer-sited Commercial and Industrial (C&I) storage?**

1 A. As discussed above, I have worked in the energy storage industry for over 20 years. I am
2 not only familiar with the technical details of storage technology, but also the economic
3 and other considerations that are relevant to investments in energy storage.

4 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

5 A. On March 22, 2024, on behalf of CPower, Rob Windle submitted pre-filed direct testimony
6 in this proceeding intended to demonstrate that Rhode Island Energy's System Reliability
7 Procurement Investment Proposal for Electric Demand Response will not achieve its
8 ambitious peak load reduction goals without certain modifications. I am a substitute for
9 Mr. Windle, who is unable to appear at the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for
10 June 24, 2024.

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