

Via electronic mail
September 25, 2024

Stephanie De LaRosa, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket No. 23-34-EL Storage - Letter Of Qualification and Commitment from The Alliance for Climate Transition

Dear Ms. De LaRosa,

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT"), formerly known as The Northeast Clean Energy Council, hereby requests designated stakeholder status in Rhode Island Docket No. 23-34-EL. ACT intends to participate in both the 24-34-EL-TC and 24-34-EL-I tracks.

Who We Are

The Alliance for Climate Transition is a clean energy business, policy, and innovation organization that is leading the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. We are dedicated to growing the clean energy economy in Rhode Island and across the region in pursuit of our mission to create a world-class, equitable clean energy hub in the Northeast.

ACT is the only organization in the Northeast that covers all of the clean energy market segments, representing the business perspectives of investors and clean energy companies across every stage of development. Our members span the broad spectrum of the clean energy industry, including energy efficiency, clean transportation, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, fuel cells, and advanced and "smart" technologies. Our membership includes over 300 entities, including numerous companies based in Rhode Island, doing business in Rhode Island, and hoping to bring their business to Rhode Island.

ACT has been involved in energy storage solution ("ESS") proceedings in Rhode Island and neighboring states, including active participation in the PUC's Docket 5000. We have been a leading voice in collaborative and regulatory proceedings relative to front-of-the-meter storage in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine, and are eager to share our insights in this proceeding.

Our Engagement

ACT is committed to actively participating in this process through attendance at meetings, participation in panels, and responding to Commission questions as they arise.

Additionally, ACT plans to call on the expertise of key members and partners when the PUC seeks input throughout this proceeding. These may include, but are not limited to:

- **Richard Labrecque, Director of Interconnection and Utility Affairs at Agilitas Energy.** Mr. Labrecque navigates the utility interconnection process for a portfolio of stage solar and battery storage projects. He also supports revenue and performance optimization for the Agilitas fleet of DERs in the ISO-NE market. He is currently serving as the Industry Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Energy Storage Interconnection Review Group. Prior to joining Agilitas, Mr. Labrecque spent 30 years at Eversource Energy, most recently as Manager of DER Interconnections and Distribution System Planning.
- **Mrinmayee Kale, Lead Grid Integration Engineer at New Leaf Energy.** New Leaf Energy partners with landowners, utilities and local communities to secure, design and permit commercial, community and utility-scale renewable energy and energy storage projects and prepare them for sale to long-term asset owners. Ms. Kale has experience with interconnection-related technical and process issues across several utilities and states in the US.
- **Greg Hunt, Chief Operating Officer at Zero Point Development.** Since 2019, Zero Point has focused on front-of-the-meter large-scale ESS. Mr. Hunt is an expert on the engineering of storage technologies and controls. He worked as a Lead Engineer at a Massachusetts EDC in the advanced grid engineering group.
- **Sean Burke, Director of Policy at BlueWave Energy.** Mr. Burke leads BlueWave's energy storage policy and was an active participant in the RIPUC Docket 5000 stakeholder working group.
- **Ian Springsteel, Vice President of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at Gridwealth.** Mr. Springsteel is a leader and strategist in renewable energy policy and regulation with 18 years of experience in developing various clean energy programs.
- **Matthew Sullivan, Business Development Analyst and Matt Ursillo, VP of Construction & Project Management at Green Development LLC.** Green is Rhode Island-based and has developed the largest onshore clean energy portfolio within the state. The company regularly participates in proceedings, such as Docket 5000 and the quarterly RI ITSC meetings.

We are confident that ACT, together with our members from the ESS sector, will provide important perspectives and real-world experience to help inform Rhode Island's development of cost-effective storage tariffs.

We stand ready to support Rhode Island's drive to achieve its clean energy and climate goals, and unleash the power of storage to deliver resilience, affordability and other economic benefits to the state.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you in this docket.

Sincerely,



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