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

September 17, 2024

Re: Docket No. 24-34-EL: Advanced Energy United Expresses Interest and Commitment to Participate in Both Storage Tracks (24-34-EL-TC and 24-34-EL-I)

Dear Ms. De LaRosa,

Pursuant to the notice on August 30, 2024, issued by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC, or the Commission) opening Docket No. 24-34-EL, Advanced Energy United respectfully submits this letter to request participation as a designated stakeholder organization to support the development of appropriate tariffs for energy storage systems connected to the Rhode Island electric system. Advanced Energy United offers the following responses to the requirements specified in the Commission's notice.

Advanced Energy United (United) is the only national business association that represents the full range of advanced energy technologies and services, including wind, solar, hydro, electric vehicles, storage technologies, and more. Our member organizations lower consumer costs, create good-paying jobs, and provide clean, cost-effective, and reliable energy. United staff and member companies have direct insight into energy market challenges, evolving infrastructure needs, and regulatory policy opportunities, perspectives that will be greatly beneficial to the discourse of this docket. It is critical to include insights from distribution-level energy developers and service providers to inform storage tariff development.

United is greatly interested in participating in both sub-dockets of this proceeding, both 24-34-EL-I related to interconnection and 24-34-EL-TC related to Terms and Conditions. We are committed to actively engaging in both tracks. United previously participated and submitted comments in Docket 5000 to examine the value and need for energy storage resources in Rhode Island. If selected as a designated stakeholder organization, United's Senior Principal and Rhode Island state-lead Kat Burnham will serve as the primary contact. United's participation in this proceeding will also be supported by East Regulatory Director Shawn Kelly. Our team has extensive experience and expertise related to advanced energy technologies and

regulatory policy. A wide range of benefits can be delivered when storage is successfully leveraged, such as helping integrate various distributed energy technologies, reducing strain on the electric grid, and improving system reliability. Energy storage resources are operated differently from other interconnected entities. This docket offers an important opportunity to consider how to recognize and value the different features storage can offer Rhode Islanders. We stand ready to work with the RI PUC and the broader community to establish effective tariffs adapted for energy storage.

Thank you for your consideration of Advanced Energy United's request to participate as a designated stakeholder in Docket 24-34-EL.

Sincerely,



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