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Subject: Town Hall Meeting - Electricity Rates

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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing regarding the tremendous burden Rhode Island residents have been bearing in terms of the exorbitant electricity rates in our state, in particular, the delivery rates which can more than double our bills. I understand that Rhode Island relies on gas to generate electricity, that this gas must be imported, and that we have little control over these delivery costs. This, compounded with the state's aversion to wind farms, and a reticence toward building nuclear or other power plants, keeps the state's hands tied. Never-the-less, you must understand that Rhode Island families cannot continue to bear this tremendous financial burden. The situation is unsustainable for most of us in the middle class, and particularly devastating to those on fixed incomes, single moms, the un or under-employed, and the working poor.

I'm proposing an online Town Hall Meeting to address this situation - we deserve that much. It would be extremely helpful in meeting citizens' frustrations, answering questions, perhaps swaying some ingrained views about renewables, or, at least offering some explanation for the economic burden we are being forced to carry. I've started an online petition demanding this online Town Hall Meeting with RIPUC, RIE, the governor, and Speaker Shekarchi. To date, I've collected almost 1,400 signatures. People are justifiably angry and worried about the rates we're already struggling to pay - never mind anticipating the upcoming proposed rate increase.

Right now I'm working on downloading my petitioners' names from [Change.org \[change.org\]](https://change.org) and will be delivering them to you shortly.

Please call or email me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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