



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE AARON REGUNBERG, *District 4*

November 1, 2016

Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02889

Re: Petition for Declaratory Judgment on Public Housing Authorities

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing relative to the Petition for Declaratory Judgment asking the Commission to determine that Public Housing Authorities are considered “public entities” within the state’s virtual net metering policy framework, and therefore are not subject to the thirty-megawatt program cap on community remote net metering systems.

As a legislator who has spent the last two years immersed in Rhode Island’s net metering policy, engaging with stakeholders who implement and follow our policies as well as elected officials who design the legislation creating these programs, I wanted to express my strong support for and agreement with a declaratory judgment that Public Housing Authorities are public entities with unlimited capacity to remote net meter, subject only to the 10 megawatt cap on individual projects. It seems apparent to me that Public Housing Authorities are public entities as defined under current virtual net metering policies.

Moreover, clarity on this question is needed quickly, as stakeholders begin planning for the new 30 MW virtual net metering program for community remote net metering systems and LMI credit recipients that is launching at the start of 2017. Whether Housing Authorities must participate in the 30 MW pilot program will have significant impact on program access for others eligible to receive credits from community remote net metering systems. As such, I respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission rule on this Petition before the new program for community remote net metering systems launches at the start of 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Regunberg
State Representative
Rhode Island House District 4