

PEOPLE'S Power & Light

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

August 7, 2018

Re: Letter on Docket 4684 and the Process to Evaluate the Least Cost Procurement Standards

Dear Ms. Massaro,

We write to you regarding the process to amend the Least Cost Procurement standard. People's Power & Light (PP&L) is an active participant on the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency Collaborative and a dedicated advocate on clean energy policies and programs. We are a regular settling party for the Annual Energy Efficiency Plans and Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans proposed before the Commission each year. PP&L has also defended the Least Cost Procurement (LCP) statute from legislative measures designed to weaken the mandate at the Rhode Island State House. The LCP mandate is crucial to stimulate investment in cost-effective energy efficiency opportunities. We were disappointed that the Commission rejected the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council's proposed revisions to the standards. As a key stakeholder on this issue, we respectfully request additional time and opportunities to engage on the next steps for improving the standards.

PP&L found the proceedings in the Collaborative and the Council to discuss, evaluate, and approve the proposed LCP standards satisfactory. However, we are eager to thoroughly review the changes put forth by the Commission and understand concerns that were not addressed in the original proposal submitted by the EERMC. PP&L strongly supports the recommendations recently shared by Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Grant on this issue. We hope that the Public Utilities Commission will craft a comprehensive timeline and offer a robust stakeholder process to update the standards.

We greatly appreciate your time considering our letter and we welcome the opportunity to work with the Commission and other key stakeholders on amended LCP standards to serve Rhode Island.

Thank you,

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Kat Burnham

Energy Programs Manager