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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
C/O Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: Docket #4822: Solicitations of Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-1 et seq.

Dear Chairperson Curran, Commissioner Gold, and Commissioner Anthony:

On behalf of Block Island Power Company, I write to offer my strong support for the issuance of the proposed renewable energy solicitation filed by National Grid in Docket #4822.

The proposed RFP presents the entire state with an important opportunity to advance Governor Gina M. Raimondo's goal of increasing Rhode Island's clean energy portfolio ten-fold by 2020. As noted in National Grid's April 20, 2018 filing with the Commission, based upon the results of the solicitation, our utility may be invited to purchase a portion of the energy and RECs from selected projects relative to our load share, provided that such purchases are specifically authorized as being in the best interest of our ratepayers. It is a unique opportunity for the state's electric distribution utilities to leverage our collective buying power to benefit Rhode Island ratepayers, while securing new, commercially-reasonable, and cost-effective supplies of clean energy for our consumers. Importantly, any proposed clean energy contracts would also require the review and approval of the Commission prior to any ratepayer impact.

I want to extend my thanks to the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources and Division of Public Utilities & Carriers, which helped facilitate this opportunity, and to National Grid for committing to work in good faith in the advancement of shared energy and environmental goals. This spirit of statewide collaboration between utilities and state agencies should be commended.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call upon me should you have any questions.

Regards,

Jeffery M. Wright  
President