



August 7, 2018

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

**Subject: Docket 4822 – Supplemental Public Comment - 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 Ms. Massaro:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment last week regarding Narragansett Electric Company's draft Request for Proposals ("RFP") pursuant to the Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy. As stated in Weaver Wind's public comment, reducing the current RFP schedule by approximately five months would attract bids from 100% Production Tax Credit (PTC) qualified onshore wind projects which offer the lowest cost source of renewable energy for Rhode Island energy consumers. Assuming 100-200 MW of 100% PTC projects are awarded contracts, Rhode Island energy consumers would realize approximately \$40-\$80 million of savings over the 15-year contract term as compared with the next likely bid.

In Weaver Wind's public comments, we referenced the schedule associated with the clean energy RFP released by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) last Tuesday July 31, 2018. We have attached the schedule associated with that RFP for your consideration. As is the case with the Narragansett Electric RFP, the Connecticut DEEP RFP is soliciting bids for long term contracts with new renewable energy projects to help meet the state's renewable energy goals at the lowest possible cost to the state's energy consumers. The DEEP RFP schedule requires that regulatory approval of the selected bids be completed by Spring/ Summer 2019 which is approximately five months shorter than what Narragansett Electric is currently proposing. This shorter schedule will attract bids from onshore wind projects with 100% PTC pricing meaning that Connecticut energy consumers will have access to the lowest possible renewable energy prices in the region, but Rhode Island energy consumers will not.

As described in Weaver Wind's public comments, 100% PTC qualified wind projects must be in operation by Fall of 2020. To meet that schedule these projects must have regulatory approval of their PPAs by mid-summer 2019 and financing/construction must commence shortly thereafter.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Gaynor", written in a cursive style.

Paul J. Gaynor  
Chief Executive Officer



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**1.3.2 RFP SCHEDULE:**

Release RFP for Public Comment	June 22, 2018
DEEP Forestland Impact Map Demonstration	July 9, 2018 10:30AM Gina McCarthy Auditorium
Public Comment Deadline	July 20, 2018
Release RFP to Bidders	July 31, 2018
Bidders' Conference	August 13, 2018 10:00AM DEEP's New Britain Office Hearing Room 1
Notice of Intent to Bid (Appendix A) Form Due	August 15, 2018
Deadline for the submission of written questions and Notice of Intent to Bid	August 15, 2018
Deadline for DEEP to Post Q and A on DEEP's Website	August 31, 2018
Due Date for Proposal Submissions	September 14, 2018

Selection of Bidders	Winter 2018/2019
EDCs Execute Contracts	Winter 2018/2019
Submit contracts for PURA Approval	Winter/Spring 2019
PURA Approval	Spring/Summer 2019