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By EMAIL and By US Mail

RE: Petition of PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, : Docket No.
D-21-09

My name is Jessie Kingston. I am a resident of RI (retired) and a customer/ ratepayer of both gas and electric accounts with National Grid. My comments will be less formal than other filings I have reviewed as I am neither scientist, lawyer, nor expert of any kind. Rather, I'm simply one of many concerned citizens attempting to do what I can to encourage and support green energy efficiencies, solutions, technologies, policies, jobs and laws in the face of the dire threats posed by the worsening effects of undeniable climate change. I have to say that I am not at all comfortable that the proposed purchase of National Grid by PPL (hereinafter the "transaction") serves the public interest in this regard, based on what I have been able to learn to date.

I have found only the most general of quotations from representatives of PPL, giving lip service to a "smooth transition", "customer impacts", and "stakeholder collaboration". What little is known about PPL's past experience, which it says it will rely on, is not particularly encouraging. Apparently no financial statements of any kind have been provided by PPL as it intends to divulge more cost information *after* the transaction at which time ratepayers will have no recourse. The inevitable but as yet unspecified estimated increased rates caused by this proposed transaction are not even my main concern, although they are certainly one of them.

My main concern is there is no evidence of PPL's interest or involvement in green energy whether pertaining to company policies, beliefs, culture, practices, experiences, past, present or future, particularly as they might relate to this transaction. The only

mention is that of PPL's inability/unwillingness to comment on RI's new Act on Climate legislation since the specific requirements for public utilities have not been established yet. While that statement is technically correct, instead of avoiding the entire topic, this presents an invitation for PPL to highlight its attention to, knowledge about, and perhaps enumerate current PPL projects or plans involving green energy. If no such experience exists, this fact should be fully transparent, complemented with an explicit commitment on the record to not only honor the existing agreements and ongoing green initiatives of National Grid but also to do PPL's part to fulfill the Act on Climate goals by making whatever changes and upgrades are necessary to their business model to carry out their promises.

The hallmark Act on Climate, combined with this potential "once in a generation" (Kai Salem) transaction, together present a unique opportunity. PPL could distinguish itself by being, or becoming, a leader in transforming the entire paradigm of how a public utility actually serves the public through doggedly, creatively and effectively pursuing and implementing improved methodologies that support resiliency, decarbonization, enhanced energy efficiencies, and expansion of renewable energy sources, to name a few. It is my fervent hope—-for my family, for future generations, and for those suffering inequitable negative health effects from living in "sacrifice zones" — that much more information and binding assurances will be forthcoming from PPL on my green energy concern, which I know is shared by the majority of my fellow Rhode Islanders

Sincerely,

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