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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chair, House Corporations Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill 6631 – Reliable and High Quality Utility Service

Dear Chair Solomon:

I am submitting the following comments on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on House Bill 6631 (21H-5440). This bill requires periodic inspections of equipment, promulgation of new rules, and new reporting requirements of the “public utilities division,” something that appears to be a mix of the PUC and Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

The requirements of this bill are already being met through several mechanisms including, but not limited to: (1) the annual Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability plans filed with the PUC (capital investment, inspection and maintenance, and vegetation management programs), (2) Service Quality Plan reporting requirements, and (3) regulations governing meter testing. Each of these mechanisms address the items required in the bill and some are already required by existing law.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 401-780-2147 or cynthia.wilsonfrias@puc.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias".

Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias
Chief of Legal Services

cc: Committee Members
Representative Fogarty