

Revised testimony in opposition to H5814: Public Utilities Commission (Report on Comprehensive Study)

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To Chair Solomon and the honorable Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I had previously provided supporting testimony for H5814 on March 19, for the March 20, 2025 hearing. After a second look at the bill text, I realized that there seems to be a conceptional flaw in the approach for the study proposed in the bill, and I would like to amend my previous testimony with this text, indicating that, after further consideration, I now oppose the bill for the following reason:

The energy in Rhode Island is not from an isolated grid. The electricity is provided within the Regional New England Grid operated by ISO-NE, and methane gas is also provided as part of a larger supply infrastructure. Consequently, it is inherently problematic to only study the rate situation and cost for RI.

Any such study should be performed for the entire region, and conducted and supported by all participating States of the northeastern region.

Please do NOT bring the bill to a vote in its current form.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and I hope that you will accept my revised testimony, for the record.

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