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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairman – House Committee on
Corporations
State House
Providence, R.I. 02903

Re: H 5574 – An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers – Duties of Public Utilities and Carriers

Dear Chairman Solomon:

As you know Chairman, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) appreciates the issues surrounding pole removal and “dual poles” and has discussed this issue with you and other stakeholders. As a result of this conversation, the Division expresses its willingness to review and catalog the current status of dual poles, their aging, and the barriers preventing timely dual pole replacement. We will attempt to facilitate communication among the various entities with pole attachments and the joint owners. By the end of the year, the Division would document our findings along with any recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that may be needed to streamline the pole replacement process.

Sincerely,

Linda George, Esq.
Administrator, RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations
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