

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Chair, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Support for H5575 – Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy

Dear Chair Solomon,

On behalf of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, owner of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 5575. This legislation is an important step toward ensuring Rhode Island has access to reliable, cost-effective, and carbon-free electricity by allowing Rhode Island Energy to procure nuclear power as part of its long-term contracting for power.

Millstone Power Station is the largest source of carbon-free electricity in New England, producing more than 16 million megawatt-hours annually—enough to power approximately 2 million homes. As the only nuclear power facility in Connecticut, Millstone plays a critical role in maintaining the stability of the regional electric grid by providing consistent and dependable baseload power, regardless of weather conditions or time of day.

Nuclear energy is among the most affordable sources of electricity in New England. By integrating nuclear power into its energy procurement strategy, Rhode Island can benefit from stable, long-term pricing that protects consumers from the volatility of fossil fuel markets. Unlike natural gas, which has experienced significant price fluctuations, nuclear energy provides cost certainty while also supporting the state's climate goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Furthermore, this legislation will enhance multi-state collaboration in the procurement of energy, allowing Rhode Island to participate in regional efforts to secure clean, reliable, and cost-effective power. By enabling partnerships across state lines, H5575 fosters a more resilient and diversified energy supply, strengthening New England's overall energy security.

Allowing Rhode Island Energy to contract for nuclear power through H5575 would strengthen the state's energy resilience, enhance affordability for ratepayers, and further diversify Rhode Island's energy portfolio. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut stands ready to work with Rhode Island policymakers, regulators, and stakeholders to ensure that Rhode Island's energy needs are met in a way that is both sustainable and economically beneficial.

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I urge the House Corporations Committee to support and advance H5575. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue, and we appreciate your consideration of this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Susan Adams". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Adams" clearly distinguishable.

Susan Adams

State Policy Director

Millstone Nuclear Power Station - Dominion Energy