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**Subject:** Subject: URGENT: Formal Notice of Alleged Statutory Violations and Systemic Fraud in the RE Growth Program (Docket 25-08-GE)

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Chairman Bennett and Chairman Solomon,

I am reaching out to you as a 70% disabled Navy veteran and the owner of a State-Authorized Small Solar I (REG) Production Facility—a high-output generation asset designed and interconnected under the 2015-2016 Renewable Energy Growth program to provide direct power to the Rhode Island grid. I am scheduled to appear before a DPUC hearing officer this Thursday, April 2, 2026.

I believe my case has significant statewide implications for all owners of Small Solar I projects. My forensic audit of my facility at 43 Willow Ave has uncovered a pattern of Unauthorized Program Disqualification, Alleged Meter Tampering, and Ledger Corruption that likely affects the 700 other Rhode Island early-adopter families who participated in this program.

### ALLEGATIONS OF STATUTORY AND CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

#### 1. Alleged Administrative Forgery & Fraudulent Enrollment (Ref: RIGL § 11-17-1)

Based on my forensic audit, I allege the utility executed a premeditated administrative theft by submitting a \$10,000 REF Grant application in my name—without my signature, knowledge, or consent. I allege this document was the specific instrument used to trigger an unauthorized disqualification of my facility from the 20-year REG tariff.

- Notice of Restitution: I wish to make it a matter of record that I was unknowingly and involuntarily enrolled in this \$10,000 grant. I fully intend to refund this amount to the State of Rhode Island immediately upon the restoration of my Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and the disbursement of the \$30,000 in tariff revenue currently owed to my facility.

#### 2. Alleged Criminal Meter Tampering & Spoliation of Evidence (Ref: RIGL § 11-35-10)

I allege that in February 2026, immediately following my formal notification to the utility of my independent forensic audit, Rhode Island Energy performed an unauthorized "Global Reset" of the revenue-grade production meter mounted to the exterior of my home. This specific hardware was a line-item on the original National Grid Bill of Materials, for which I paid \$500; it serves as the literal "Cash Register" for my generation facility.

- The Technical Intervention: By design, these meters are hardened against tampering and engineered to only move forward. To reverse or "reset" the kilowatt-hour count, a trained technician utilizing

specialized handheld equipment is required. I contend this act was a deliberate, physical intervention to erase approximately 80,000 kWh of my private property from the hardware record. Under RIGL § 11-35-10, I allege this constitutes the physical destruction of my business's "Source of Truth" to synchronize the hardware with a corrupted internal ledger and to obstruct the DPUC investigation.

### 3. Alleged Deceptive Trade Practices (Ref: RIGL § 6-13.1-2)

I allege the utility engaged in unfair methods of competition by luring a disabled veteran into \$23,000 of personal mortgage debt for a high-production facility, only to unilaterally strip the promised 37.75¢ tariff through administrative maneuvering.

### 4. Alleged Unlawful Coercive Billing (Ref: RIGL § 39-2-1.1)

I allege that during a 2024 DPUC investigation, while these figures were in active dispute, Rhode Island Energy unlawfully placed my account on termination notices to force payment of fraudulent and disputed bills from a veteran on a fixed income.

## THE "FOX AND THE HENHOUSE" SYSTEMIC FAILURE

Current program regulations allow the utility to act as the sole gatekeeper for designating a project as a REG Production Facility with zero independent state oversight.

In my case, even though I possess a signed Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA) and documented Authorization to Interconnect my project to the grid, the utility was able to "self-certify" my REG tariff disqualification. I allege they achieved this by deliberately failing to commission my facility with a COE, using their own unauthorized grant submission as the pretext for exclusion. Without a neutral third-party audit of these "Utility Gatekeeper" decisions, the state has effectively handed the Fox the keys to the chicken coop, allowing for the Systemic Value Erasure of 700 early-adopter families.

## TOTAL WEALTH EXTRACTION (25-YEAR ASSET LIFE)

Unless the DPUC orders a forensic reconstruction and restores my COE, the utility will have successfully engineered an estimated \$94,550 wealth transfer from a disabled veteran's sole proprietorship to their corporate shareholders. This represents the Tariff Gap between the promised 37.75¢ PBI and the current "Utility Fiction" of residential net metering, combined with the principal debt and accrued interest.

## REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION

As your committees consider legislation regarding renewable energy contracts (SB 2797 / HB 7523), please be aware that a "moratorium" acts as a shield for the utility to escape accountability for the approximately \$30,000 (inclusive of 12% statutory interest) currently owed to my sole proprietorship.

I am requesting that your committee staff review my forensic file before the 10-year statute of limitations expires on May 11, 2026. I stand ready to appear before your committees to present my evidence and illustrate how these predatory practices threaten the integrity of Rhode Island's energy infrastructure.

Respectfully,

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