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

Re: H 7881 – Duties of Utilities and Carriers

Dear Chairman Solomon:

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) would welcome the opportunity to work with the sponsor of House Bill No. 7881, and stakeholders, to establish a framework that provides a methodology to assess the reasonableness of the utility’s level of capital investment spending, considering a balance of reliability performance and ratepayer affordability.

This approach would address an important concern of the Division: the utility’s initial Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (“ISR”) spending plans submitted to the Division are becoming excessive. Establishing some form of guidance will temper the utility’s proposed spending plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda George".

Linda D. George, Esq.
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Cc: The Honorable Representative Arthur Handy
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel