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The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chairman – House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
State House
Providence, R.I. 02903

Re: H 5687 – An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Energy Facility Siting Act

Dear Chairman Casey:

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) has no objection to H 5687 which is designed to bring to a close the decades-long effort to construct an underground portion of the Narragansett Electric E-183 115 kilovolt electric transmission line in Providence and East Providence, in large part, because it does not present additional costs for electric ratepayers statewide. This proposed legislation, as written, acknowledges the already accumulated funds generated by a statutory provision that allowed ratepayers in those two communities to forgo a statewide customer credit to support this project. Additionally, this measure provides for future local rate assessments to generate revenue for the majority of the remaining project cost. Consequently, the Division looks upon this measure, as written, as being more akin to a municipal bill rather than an issue for the general body of ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Representative Matthew S. Dawson
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
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