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The Honorable Jacob Bissaillon
Chairman – Senate Committee on Housing & Municipal Government
State House
Providence, R.I. 02903

Re: S 2260– Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act of 2026

Dear Chairman Bissaillon

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division“) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill No. 2260. The Division embraces and is engaged in the ongoing discussion of obtaining our state’s climate goals, but respectfully opposes the bill as written.

To that end, we refer to Article 3 of the Governor’s proposed FY2027 budget (“Article”), which was recently introduced as House Bill No. 7127. The Division supports the Article, which is a natural progression from the 2025 “Building Energy Benchmarking and Performance Standards” report (EC4 Report) published by the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council. That EC4 Report was mandated by the passage of Joint Resolution 7617 Substitute A in 2024.

The Governor’s proposed Article establishes clear, achievable benchmarking goals and requires annual reporting through the Office of Energy Resources. The Division appreciates the intent of the proposed Senate Bill No. 2260 but would refer the Committee to the aforementioned Article, which would allow for informed, collaborative efforts across our state facilities.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Meghan Kallman
The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Housing & Municipal Government
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