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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO TERMINATE
GAS LINE EXTENSION ALLOWANCES AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE**

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Britto, Zurier, Euer, Vargas, Lauria, Ujifusa, Mack,
Bell, and Valverde

Date Introduced: January 30, 2026

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1 WHEREAS, Current Rhode Island Energy tariff, “RIPUC RIE-GAS No. 101,” allows for
2 the utility to spread over all gas customers the cost of connecting new customers to the gas
3 distribution system, which is commonly referred to as a “gas line extension allowance”; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council’s 2025
5 Climate Action Strategy there needs to be a reduction in the use of gas for home heating in order
6 to meet the State's 2030, 2040, and 2050 emissions reduction requirements; and

7 WHEREAS, Connecting new customers to the gas distribution system locks in customer
8 subsidization of new infrastructure whose intended life extends beyond the 2050 net zero
9 emissions requirements; and

10 WHEREAS, Current Rhode Island Energy tariffs require all electric customers to pay for
11 new connections to the electric distribution systems by individual customers; and

12 WHEREAS, Rhode Island Energy has opened Docket 25-45-GE at the Public Utilities
13 Commission to adjust distribution rates and modify existing tariffs for all Rhode Island
14 customers; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests
16 that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission examine the impacts and continued use of gas
17 line extension allowances as part of Docket 25-45-GE and determine whether changes to such
18 allowances are advisable; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski, the Rhode
- 2 Island Public Utilities Commission, and President Greg Cornett, Rhode Island Energy.

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