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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION-NATURAL GAS SUPPLIERS**

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, J. Brien, Nardone, Newberry, Place,  
Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, and Fascia

Date Introduced: January 21, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is

2        hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3        **39-1-2.2. Long-term contracts for natural gas.**

4        The public utility known as "Rhode Island Energy" shall enter into at least one long-term

5        contract, for not less than four (4) years, for the procurement of natural gas pipeline capacity with

6        an interstate pipeline operator.

7        SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would require Rhode Island Energy to enter into at least one long-term contract,
- 2        for at least a four (4) year period, to procure natural gas pipeline capacity with an interstate pipeline
- 3        operator.
- 4        This act would take effect upon passage.

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