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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

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