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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 formally requests that  
16 the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission terminate gas line extension allowances as part of  
17 Docket 25-45-GE; and be it further  
18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski, the Rhode

1     Island Public Utilities Commission, and President Greg Cornett, Rhode Island Energy.

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