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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N**

**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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