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**Public Comment**

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RI EERMC  
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Re: National Grid Energy Efficiency plan

Dear RI EERMC:

The Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes is pleased to offer comments to the National Grid Energy Efficiency plan. We applaud the efforts to process bulk rebates and strongly encourage the plan to include incentives for heat pump installations within housing units currently dependent on fossil fuels. In doing so, the state would support electrification leading to a reduction in energy use and more importantly a reduction in the states dependency on fossil fuels. Moving customers from oil and gas to more renewable sources also provides cooling relief, which is particularly critical as temperatures continue to rise. The year 2019 was recorded as the second warmest year since record keeping began in 1880. The 2010s were by far the warmest decade. The year 2020 is almost certain to rank among the five warmest years on record," NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) said in its monthly global climate report.

RIAAH strongly encourages dedicated efforts to ensure efficient cooling for low-income single-family homes. Efforts should include targeted outreach and promotion of energy efficiency work to those currently experiencing energy insecurity. In an effort to assist with this goal we kindly offer to serve in EERMC's equity work group. RIAAH members include health and housing providers with access to resources capable of disseminating target and timely information.

HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University is a clearinghouse of information about housing in Rhode Island. We conduct research and analyze data to inform public policy,

develop communications strategies, and promote dialogue about the relationship between housing and the state's economic future and our residents' well-being. HousingWorks RI recognizes and understands the value of a healthy home, and in 2016 integrated the Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes (RIAHH). Through the work of the Alliance, we aim to coordinate services to help families achieve greener and healthier homes, and work upstream to align, braid, and coordinate local and state policies to promote green and healthy housing. Additionally, the work of the Alliance aims to transform the current siloed system into a streamlined resource that delivers services to Rhode Island families so that they may live in safe, healthy, energy efficient homes.

Sincerely,

Carinel LeGrand  
RIAHH Program Manager

Sent from RI Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council