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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REGULATION OF ALL
HYDROELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS OF LESS THAN TWO MEGAWATTS CAPACITY

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Ruggiero, Winfield, Costa, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: February 16, 2011

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

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2 WHEREAS, Global warming continues to be a threat to the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, Coal burning to produce our nation's energy adds to that threat; and

4 WHEREAS, Foreign oil cartels hold the nation hostage with price gouging; and

5 WHEREAS, Generation of alternate energy is a very high priority of the Rhode Island

6 General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, water power has and continues to produce clean
8 energy; and

9 WHEREAS, There are more than 600 dams in Rhode Island that continue to possess
10 power generation potential; and

11 WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations were set
12 as standards for giant dams such as the Grand Cooley, and prove far too costly and time
13 consuming for small and micro installations; and

14 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM)
15 regulations on Wetlands and Water quality are more than sufficient controls for small
16 hydroelectric system oversight; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby stands in full support of Federal legislation to eliminate Federal
19 Energy Regulatory Commission regulation of all hydroelectric installations of less than two

1 Megawatts capacity; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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