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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE TASK  
FORCE TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION OF BLOCK ISLAND INTO THE STATE  
ELECTRIC GRID"**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 19, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission to be known as "The Task Force to  
2 Study the Integration of Block Island into the State Electric Grid" be and the same is hereby  
3 created consisting of ten (10) members: one of whom shall be the Commissioner of the Rhode  
4 Island Office of Energy Resources, or designee, who shall serve as chairperson; one of whom  
5 shall be a representative from the Block Island Power Company, to be appointed by the Senate  
6 President; one of whom shall be a representative from the Narragansett Electric Company doing  
7 business as the National Grid Company, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom  
8 shall be the Administrator of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, or designee; three (3)  
9 of whom shall be full-time residents of Block Island, to be appointed by the New Shoreham  
10 Town Council; and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the Rhode Island Office of Energy  
11 resources as follows: an individual with expertise in Rhode Island energy efficiency policies and  
12 programs, a Block Island renewable energy developer, and a representative from the Block Island  
13 renewable energy community.

14           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study that identifies  
15 statutory, regulatory and policy changes necessary to ensure the effective integration of Block  
16 Island into the state electric grid and expanding and identifying opportunities to align mainland  
17 policies regarding renewable energy, energy efficiency and other energy investment  
18 opportunities. Such study shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: least cost  
19 procurement, § 39-1-27.7; net metering, chapter 26.4 of title 39; and the renewable energy growth

1 program, chapter 26.6 of title 39.

2           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the task force shall meet at the  
3 call of Senate President.

4           Vacancies in said task force shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

5           The membership of said task force shall receive no compensation for their services.

6           All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
7 documentary and otherwise, to said task force and the office of energy resources as is deemed  
8 necessary or desirable by the task force to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

9           The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
10 suitable quarters for said task force; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Chairperson of the task force shall report the findings and  
12 recommendations of the task force, including proposed legislation, to the Governor and the  
13 Senate President no later than January 31, 2016, and said task force shall expire on March 31,  
14 2016.

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EXPLANATION  
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2 known as "The Task Force to Study the Integration of Block Island into the State Electric Grid"  
3 and whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study that identifies statutory,  
4 regulatory and policy changes necessary to ensure the effective integration of Block Island into  
5 the state electric grid, and who would report back to the Senate President on or before January 31,  
6 2016, and said task force would expire on March 31, 2016.

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