RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Energy Amendments

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-XXX-XX-1060

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Repeal

Important Dates:
Date of Public Notice: 08/22/2018
End of Public Comment: 09/21/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:
GLRI 46-23 et. seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:
The Energy Amendments regulations were included as part of the Coastal Resources Management Plan (CRMP) and adopted by Council in 1978 and subsequently amended in February 1982 to implement regulations and procedures for managing energy facility siting and related impacts to the coastal environment. In 2016, the legislature passed an amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-5(b) that required the Secretary of State to oversee the publication of an updated uniform code of state regulations, the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR). Desirable regulatory elements of the Energy Amendments (formerly Section 600 of the CRMP) are being codified within the RICR Red Book within § 1.3.1(H) and the original Energy Amendments will be repealed in their entirety.

Additional Information and Comments:
If no formal objection is received on or before September 21, 2018, Coastal Resources Management Council will file the Repeal without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:
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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:
In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory

provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. Additionally, the benefits of the proposed amendments justify any costs of the proposed rule, and the proposed amendments will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner, or with greater net benefits, than other regulatory alternatives.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.