

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick RI 02888 (401) 941-4500 Chairman Elia Germani Commissioner Robert B. Holbrook

MEMORANDUM

DOCKET NO. 3659 Renewable Energy Standard

From:

Cynthia Wilson, Senior Legal Counsel

Date:

February 15, 2005

Re:

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Important Information

The following entities constitute the members of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to develop Rules and Regulations Governing Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard:

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

State Energy Office

People's Power & Light

Environmental Council of Rhode Island

UPC Wind Management, LLC

Silent Sherpa (representing several entities)

Ridgewood Providence Power Partners, L.P. et al.

Narragansett Electric Company

FPL RISE, FPL Power Marketing

Economic Development Corporation

Cape Wind

The Energy Council of Rhode Island

Conservation Services Group

Spinblade Energy, LLC

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (tentative)

Union of Concerned Scientists (working through The Environmental

Council of Rhode Island).

Please see the attached Service List. Any exceptions to the above list or to the Service List should be provided to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk as soon as possible. Representatives who were admitted to the Rulemaking Committee because of their attendance at the February 15, 2005 Scheduling Conference should file with the Commission a letter identifying him/herself, the entity represented, their entity's interest in the process and commitment of participation no later than February 25, 2005.

All members shall have one person designated to sign off on any submission to the Commission from the Rulemaking Committee. This person shall be the person named in the member's original request for membership that was filed with the Commission. In order to promote stability and efficiency on the Rulemaking Committee and in the process, members need to be identified for consensus-building purposes.

If the Commission receives future requests for participation on the Rulemaking Committee, the Commission will rule on them on a case by case basis.

The Rulemaking Committee will develop ground rules for participants to follow. The Rulemaking Committee will choose a facilitator. The Rulemaking Committee will keep the Commission apprised of its progress.

All communications between Rulemaking Committee members may be made via electronic mail only unless a member specifically requests a paper copy.

All submissions to the Commission shall be made by filing an original and nine paper copies with Luly Massaro, Commission clerk and by e-mailing a copy to the Commission members on the Service List.

Ms. Massaro will provide a link on the Commission's home page to take people directly to the docket site. Any information the Rulemaking Committee wishes to be maintained on that site should be sent to Ms. Massaro electronically with a request to include it on the site. This would be most efficiently done through the facilitator.

The following is the schedule set by the Commission. The purpose of this schedule is to provide the Rulemaking Committee with the timeline during which it may develop rules. It also provides the Commission with sufficient time to comply with statutory deadlines.

On or before 3/15/2005 – The Committee shall file a status report with the Commission including identification of the facilitator. The status report shall list the dates of the meetings that have been held and contain a copy of the attendance sheet.

On or before 4/15/2005 – The Committee shall file a status report with the Commission listing the dates of the meetings that have been held since the last status report and contain a copy of each attendance sheet.

On or before 6/15/2005 – The Committee shall file a status report with the Commission listing the dates of the meetings that have been held since the last status report and contain a copy of each attendance sheet.

On or before 8/15/2005 – the Committee shall file with the Commission either a report containing the proposed rules or a report specifying any areas in which the committee reached a consensus. In the event the Committee does not reach

consensus on every item, the committee may include in a report any other information, recommendations, or materials that the committee considers appropriate. Any committee member may include as an addendum to the report additional information, recommendations or materials. The Committee shall also provide a document listing the dates of the meetings that have been held since the last status report and include a copy of each attendance sheet.