

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 3781
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY CONSERVATION SERVICES GROUP
– SWANS FALLS

ORDER

WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2006, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") adopted Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard ("RES Regulations") including requirements for applicants seeking certification as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource under the RES Regulations¹ pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On October 25, 2006, Conservation Services Group, ("Applicant"), Authorized Representative: Stephanie Hamilton, 40 Washington Street, Westborough, MA 01581, filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Swans Falls Project, a 0.41 MW hydroelectric project, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.0 and other relevant Sections of the RES Regulations, a thirty (30) day period for public comment was provided during which time, no such comments were received; and

¹ State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard – Date of Public Notice: September 23, 2005, Date of Public Hearing: October 12, 2005, Effective Date: January 1, 2006.

WHEREAS, The Application has been on hold while the Commission and consultant have been awaiting requested documentation to determine facility status (New or Existing); and

WHEREAS, It has been over six (6) years since the submission of the Application; and

WHEREAS, Commission Staff contacted the Applicant on two occasions in May 2013 to determine whether Conservation Services Group intended to proceed with the Application and received no response;² and

WHEREAS, On June 13, 2013, at a duly noticed Open Meeting, the Commission considered the Application, determined that it has been pending for more than two years without approval based on an outstanding request from the Commission/its consultant for more information. The Commission found that the Applicant has been contacted more than thirty (30) days prior to the Open Meeting and has not responded to Commission inquiries. Therefore, the Commission rejected the pending Application for lack of compliance with the RES application process, having been unresponsive to a request for more information for over six years. However, the Commission found that such a determination does not address the merits of the application nor does it preclude the Applicant or a subsequent project owner from submitting a new Renewable Energy Resource application for the project.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(21070) ORDERED:

² During the first contact, Commission Staff was advised that Ms. Hamilton was no longer with the Company so a voicemail was left with the Vice President.

- 1) That the Application for Certification as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations submitted by Conservation Services Group for its Swans Falls hydroelectric project in Fryeberg, ME (GIS # MSS 884), is hereby denied without prejudice on the basis that the Applicant did not complete the application process in a timely manner.
- 2) This Order does not make a determination of whether the Project would meet the eligibility requirements under the State of Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard and therefore, the Applicant or a new project owner may submit a new application for Commission review in the future.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JUNE 13, 2013 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JUNE 20, 2013.

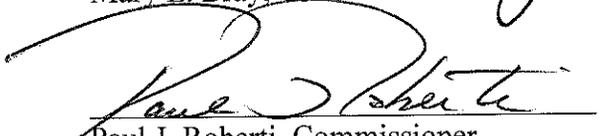
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner



Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. SECTION 39-5-1, ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OR ORDER OF THE COMMISSION MAY, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS (7) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORDER, PETITION THE SUPREME COURT FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO REVIEW THE LEGALITY AND REASONABLENESS OF THE DECISION OR ORDER.