

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING : DOCKET NO. 3798  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENEWABLE :  
ENERGY STANDARD :

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1, 42-35 and 42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.** in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for the purpose of affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, in response to the Commission’s plan to amend the current Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard adopted by the Commission on January 1, 2006.

The purpose of the amended regulations is to bring the rules into conformance with recent changes to the New England Power Pool (“NEPOOL”) Generation Information System (“GIS”) rules.

The Commission specifically seeks comments on the following:

1. With respect to revised section 6.8(iii)(e):
  - a. Should it be the responsibility of the aggregation owner or the Verifier to “ensure that individual units in the aggregation comply with all eligibility requirements”?
  - b. Should it be the responsibility of the aggregation owner or the Verifier to ensure that “the NEPOOL GIS Certificates created accurately represent generation”?
  - c. Under i), should the Verifier in all cases be the entity required to make an independent determination that the Generation Unit exists?
  - d. Under v), for “a procedure for the Verifier to report to the commission on the results of their verification process”, should the Commission specify required details regarding frequency, form or content?
  
2. With respect to new section 6.8(iii)(g):
  - a. should the Verifier be required to enter production data into the GIS independently for each generator within the aggregation, or just in aggregate?
  - b. Should the amount of production entered into the NEPOOL GIS by the quantity of energy produced since the last entry, or a cumulative meter reading (which would entail the GIS system calculating the difference between the current and last entry)?

The regulations will apply to any person or entity that sells electrical energy to End-user customers in Rhode Island, including but not limited to National Grid, Nonregulated Power Producers and electric utility distribution companies, as defined by R.I. General Laws §39-1-2, and Obligated Entities, as defined by R.I. General Laws §39-26-1.

The regulations, in both form existing and proposed in a redacted version specifying additions and deletions are on file in the Clerk's Office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained in person at the Commission, by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 107 or may be accessed at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3798page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3798page.html).

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views, or arguments on the proposed regulations may do so either orally, on the day of the hearing, or in writing, by submitting their comments to the Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. 02888. An original and nine (9) copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-35-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18, 39-1-38 and 39-26-1 et seq.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro  
Commission Clerk  
January 9, 2007