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

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE ORIGINALLY FILED BY PAWTUCKET HYDROPOWER, LLC PAWTUCKET HYDROPOWER – REVISED NEW AND EXISTING GENERATIONPERCENTAGES

DOCKET NO 3805 A&B

## 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 Regulations<sup>1</sup> pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On January 10, 2007, Pawtucket Hydropower LLC ("Company", Authorized Representative: Charles Rosenfield, Secretary-Treasurer, 87 Senexet Road, Woodstock, CT 06281, 861-928-7100, <a href="mailto:putnamhydro@charter.net">putnamhydro@charter.net</a>) filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Pawtucket Hydropower Generation Unit, a 1.35 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, as a resource capable of producing as both a New and Existing Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Effective May 23, 2007 pursuant to an Open Meeting Decision, with Written Order issued on May 31, 2007, the Commission approved the Pawtucket

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

Hydropower Generation Unit as meeting the requirements for eligibility as both a New and Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource – with 53% designated eligible as an Existing Generating Unit (Order #18,965 – Unique Certification Number RI-3805A-E07) and 47% designated eligible as a New Generating Unit (Order #18,966 – Unique Certification Number RI-3805B-N07); and

WHEREAS, As part of the Commission's responsibilities under Section 6.3 of the State's RES Regulation, on January 28, 2013 the Commission issued a request to Pawtucket Hydropower, LLC for assistance in verifying the calculation of percent New and Existing allocations, and revising them if necessary; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2013, following discussions with the Commission's application review consultant, and review of proposed revisions to the previously approved New and Existing allocation percentages for the Pawtucket Hydropower Generation Unit, Pawtucket Hydropower, LLC requested revised certification by the Commission of the Pawtucket Hydropower Generation Unit as a 32% Rhode Island New Renewable Energy Resources and 68% Rhode Island Existing Renewable Energy Resource (a change from 47% and 53% respectively); and

WHEREAS, in their June 25, 2013 submittal, Pawtucket Hydropower, LLC requested that the change in percent New and Existing allocations be implemented effective with the 2014 NEPOOL GIS Compliance Year given that commitments based on the Commission's previously approved percentage values have already been made for all RECs to be generated from the Company's facility through the end of 2013; and

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2013, the Commission's consultant submitted a Memorandum to the Commission explaining the review process and providing documentation to support the recommended changes to the allocations.

WHEREAS, After examination, the Commission is of the opinion that the revised percentage New allocation is accurate, reasonable and in compliance with the RES Regulations, and hereby grants these changes to become effective for the NEPOOL GIS 2014 Compliance Year; and

WHEREAS, The Commission's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company, and the Commission may reverse its ruling or revoke the Applicant's certification if any material information provided by the Applicant proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is

## (21102) ORDERED:

- 1) That effective for the NEPOOL GIS 2014 Compliance Year, the percentage New allocation of monthly generation from the Pawtucket Hydropower Generation Unit be changed from 47% to 32%.
- 2) That effective for the NEPOOL GIS 2014 Compliance Year, the percentage of Existing allocation of monthly generation from the Pawtucket Hydropower Generation Unit be changed from 53% to 68%.
- 3) That, although the Commission will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the Commission, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in

verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with RI RES Certification at any time at the Commission's discretion.

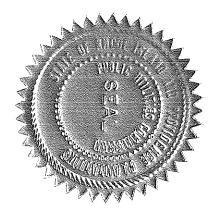
4) That the Company shall notify the Commission in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 1, 2014

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 11, 2013. WRITTEN

ORDER ISSUED JULY 12, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

Mary E. Bray, 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.