

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 3822  
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE  
FILED BY BLACKSTONE HYDRO ASSOCIATES

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 February 19, 2007, Blackstone Hydro Associates ("Company", Authorized Representative: Simeon Bruner, President, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, 617-492-8400) filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Blackstone Hydro Associates Generation Unit, a 0.818 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Central Falls, Rhode Island, as an eligible Customer-Sited (behind-the-meter) and Grid-Connected, Existing Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Blackstone Hydro Associates Generation Unit is currently configured as a Grid-Connected Generation Unit and is in the process of modifying said

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<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.

configuration to Customer-Sited to allow for interconnection on the end-use customer side of the retail electricity meter, with residual generation flowing back to the Grid, 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

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2007, supplemental information consisting of a revised Appendix D and associated Aggregation Agreement, was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the Commission is of the opinion that the application, including said supplemental information is proper, reasonable and in compliance with the RES Regulations, and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; 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

(18998) ORDERED:

1) That the Blackstone Hydro Associates Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as a Existing, Small HydroRenewable Energy Resource with its 0.818 MW, MW Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of December 31, 1983 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Central Falls, Rhode Island.

2) That, as an Existing Generation Unit which, as of the date of this Order is in the process of, but has not yet completed reconfiguration to a Customer-Sited (behind-the-meter) interconnection, eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with written documentation verifying Customer-Sited operation of its Generation Unit and that the Company provide the Generation Unit's new GIS Asset Identification Number for said Customer-Sited portion of the Generation Unit's output when assigned by NEPOOL following completion of the reconfigured interconnection.

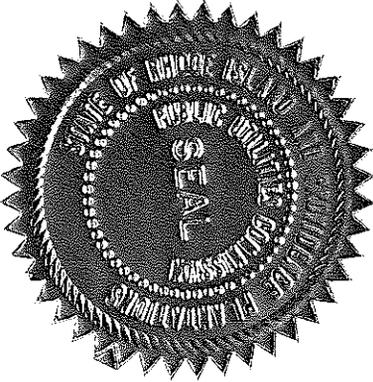
3) That, following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's operation in a Customer-Sited configuration and provision of the new GIS asset identification number, Commission Staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Existing Generation Unit.

4) 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.

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

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON  
JUNE 22, 2007 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN  
ORDER ISSUED JUNE 22, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
Elia Germani, Chairman

  
Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

  
Mary E. Bray, Commissioner