

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 3937
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
ORIGINALLY FILED BY PUTNAM HYDROPOWER, INC.
PUTNAM HYDROPOWER RECERTIFICATION
FILING AS BOTH EXISTING AND NEW GENERATION
UNIT – NEW GENERATION PERCENTAGE AND
REVISED EXISTING GENERATION PERCENTAGE

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 March, 18, 2008, Putnam Hydropower, Inc. ("Company", Authorized Representative: Charles Rosenfield, Secretary-Treasurer, 87 Senexet Road, Woodstock, CT 06281. phone: (860) 928-7100, fax (860) 928-7100, email: putnamhydro@charter.net) filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit, a 0.575 MW Small Hydropower energy Generation Unit located in Putnam, CT, as an eligible Existing Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations; 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, Effective July 10, 2008 pursuant to an Open Meeting Decision, with Written Order issued on July 15, 2008, the Commission approved the Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit as meeting the requirements for eligibility as an Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource (Order #19,341 – Unique Certification Number RI-3937-E08); and

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2013, the Company filed with the Commission a revised application seeking re-certification of its Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit, now a 0.646 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit, increased from 0.575 MW based on a 2010 Unit 2 generator upgrade and other facility efficiency improvements that were implemented during the period 2007 through 2011, as a resource now capable of producing as both a New and Existing Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations; 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 for this re-certification request during which time no such comment was received, and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2013 and June 25, 2013 supplemental and clarifying information, including a calculation spreadsheet used to determine the New and Existing percentage allocations resulting from the Generation Unit's increased capacity and efficiency improvements, was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's May 22, 2013 and May 31, 2013 requests for said information, and

WHEREAS, After examination, the Commission is of the opinion that the revised application, including said supplemental information is proper, reasonable and in

compliance with the RES Regulations, and hereby grants the Company re-certification as both an eligible Existing and New 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

(21103) ORDERED:

- 1) That seventy-two percent (72%) of the monthly generation from the Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as an Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.646 MW, Incremental Intermittent, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having an initial Commercial Operation Date of October 1, 1987, with a 2010 Unit 2 generator upgrade and other facility efficiency improvements implemented during the period 2007 through 2011, and located within the NEPOOL control area in Putnam, CT.
- 2) That the designated Existing percentage of the Company's Generation Unit as identified above be assigned unique certification number RI-3937-E13.
- 3) That twenty-eight percent (28%) of the monthly generation from the Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.646 MW, Incremental

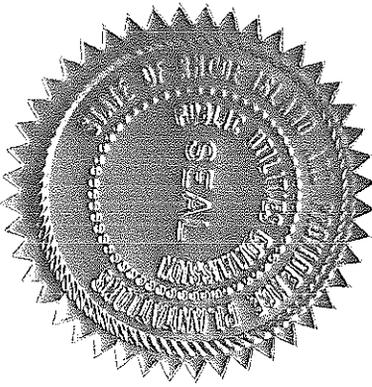
Intermittent, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having an initial Commercial Operation Date of October 1, 1987, with a 2010 Unit 2 generator upgrade and other facility efficiency improvements implemented during the period 2007 through 2011, and located within the NEPOOL control area in Putnam, CT.

- 4) That the designated New percentage of the Company's Generation Unit as identified above be assigned unique certification number RI-3937-N13.
- 5) That, NEPOOL-GIS Certificates associated with production of New energy from the Company's Generation Unit will be deemed eligible as Rhode Island RECs beginning the first day of the calendar month in which the Commission Order has been issued through this open meeting decision.
- 6) 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.

7) 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 JULY 1, 2013
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 12, 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.