

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 4370
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY SWANTON VILLAGE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT – EXISTING
GENERATION

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 31, 2012, Swanton Village Electric Department ("Company", Authorized Representative: Reginald Beliveau, General Manager, Swanton Village Electric Department, P.O. Box 279, Swanton, VT 05488. Phone: (802) 868-3397 Email: rbeliveau@swanton.net) filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Highgate Falls Unit #5 Generation Unit, a 0.572 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Highgate, VT, as an eligible 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 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, On 2/08/2013, 2/15/2013 and 5/16/2013 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's 1/28/2013, 2/14/2013 and 4/3/2013 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: the historical baseline generation of the hydro facility as well as the most recent generation, the Maine and New Hampshire orders qualifying the facility as a renewable resource in those states, and an amended Appendix C which stipulated that the facility was no longer applying as a New renewable resource but rather an Existing renewable resource; 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

(21065) ORDERED:

1) That the Highgate Falls Unit #5 Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as an Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.572 MW,

Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of 03/13/12 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Highgate, VT.

2) That the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON35237.

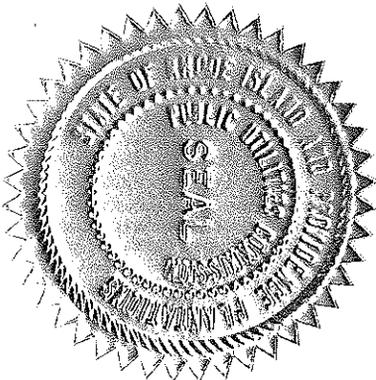
3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4370-E13.

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.

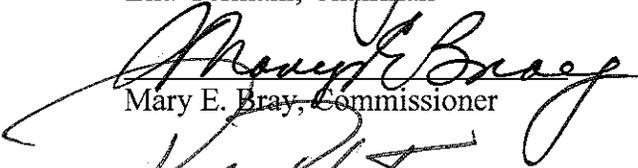
5) That the Company shall notify the Commission in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION




Elia Germani, Chairman


Mary E. Bray, Commissioner


Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner