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

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 4410
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY FORBES STREET SOLAR, LLC – NEW GENERATION

## **ORDER**

WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2006, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") 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, §§39-26-1, 39-26-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2013, Forbes Street Solar, LLC ("Company", Authorized Representative: Nicholas Bullinger, Chief Operating Officer, Hecate Energy LLC, 115 Rosa Parks Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, Phone: (847) 601-3812, Email: nbullinger@HecateEnergy.com) filed with the PUC an application seeking certification for its Forbes Street Solar Generation Unit, a 3.0 MW solar energy generation unit located in Riverside, Rhode Island, as an eligible New 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 comment was received, and

<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.

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2013 and December 10, 2013, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's June 25, 2013 and December 9, 2013 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: evidence of operations and a valid GIS asset ID number for the facility; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC 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, § 39-26-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

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

Accordingly, it is

(21293) ORDERED:

- 1) The Forbes Street Solar Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 3.0 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having first achieved Grid-Connected operations on November 22, 2013 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Riverside, Rhode Island.
  - 2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS43762.
  - 3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned

unique certification number RI-4410-N13.

4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") become Rhode Island-

eligible effective on the first day which the Rhode Island certification number is issued

and all RECs associated with the production of eligible energy that are minted on or after

the Effective Date are eligible for the RES.

5) Although the PUC 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 PUC, 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

PUC's discretion.

6) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's

eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 20, 2013

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED

DECEMBER 20, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

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\*Commissioner Roberti concurs but is unavailable for signature.

**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 PUC may, within seven days (7) 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.