

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY VERMONT PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY DOCKET NO. 4413
AUTHORITY on behalf of 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 May 29, 2013, the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority on behalf of 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 Generation Unit, an 11.392 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Highgate, VT, 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, 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

WHEREAS, On July 15, 2013 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's July 11, 2013 request for said information, and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a clarification of the unit's generation capacity which was inconsistent with that listed on the NEPOOL GIS website, as well as an assurance that the NEPOOL GIS listing will be updated with the correct capacity value, 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

(21110) ORDERED:

1) That the Highgate Falls Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as an Existing Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 11.392 MW, Grid-

Connected Generation Unit having an Approximate Commercial Operation Date of August 1, 1894 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Highgate, VT.

2) That the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS783.

3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4413-E13.

4) That the Company shall provide the Commission with evidence that the NEPOOL GIS listing has been updated with the correct capacity value upon completion.

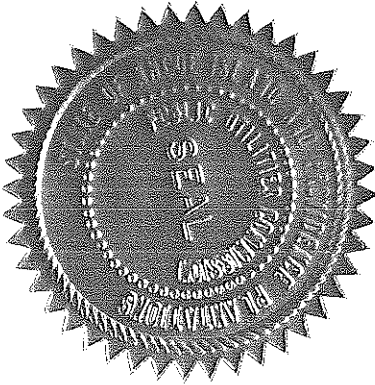
5) That NEPOOL-GIS Certificates Associated with production of Existing energy from the Company's Generation Unit will be deemed eligible as Rhode Island Existing RECs beginning the first day of the calendar month in which the Commission Order has been issued through this Open Meeting Decision.

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.

6) 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 26, 2013
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 26, 2013. WRITTEN
ORDER ISSUED JULY 26, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran
Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti
Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

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NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS 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.