

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 4441
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY TOWN OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT – EXISTING
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 Regulations¹ pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, §§ 39-26-1, 39-26-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2013, Town of Hardwick Electric Department ("Company", Authorized Representative: Mike Sullivan, Town of Hardwick Electric Department, P.O. Box 516 Hardwick, Vermont 05843 Phone: (802) 472-5201 Fax: (802) 472-6769 Email: msullivan@hardwickelectric.com) filed with the PUC an application seeking certification for its Wolcott Hydro #1 Generation Unit, a 0.815 MW small hydro energy generation unit located in Wolcott, Vermont, as an eligible 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 day period for public comment was provided, during which time no such comment was 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, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application 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, 39-26-6 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; and

Accordingly, it is

(21275) ORDERED:

1) The Wolcott Hydro #1 Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as an Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.815 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having an approximate Commercial Operation Date of January 1, 1937 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Wolcott, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS1167.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4441-E13.

4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the first day on which the Rhode Island certification number is issued. 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

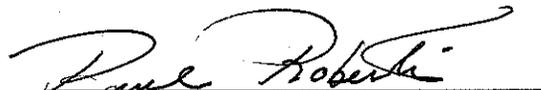
Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the PUC, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with Rhode Island RES Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.

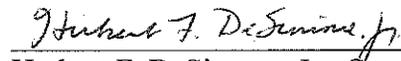
6) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

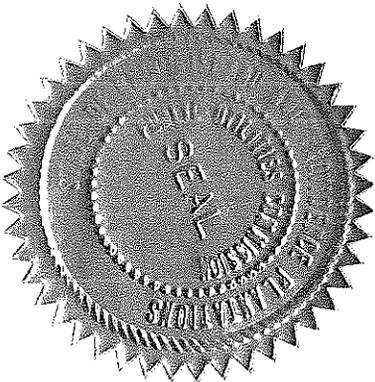
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 6, 2013
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
DECEMBER 10, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION


Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson


Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner


Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., 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 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.