

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4463
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY FOUR HILLS FARMS :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2013, Four Hills Farms¹ (Applicant) filed with the Rhode Island Public Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Four Hills Farms Generation Unit, a 0.450 MW methane biogas energy generation unit located in Bristol, Vermont, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource in accordance with the PUC's Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (RES Regulations) and R.I. Gen. Laws §39-26-1; 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 comments were received; and

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2014, a request for supplemental and clarifying information was issued by PUC Consultant regarding the application and review of the application has been on hold because the PUC has been awaiting the submission of said information requested; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2014 and February 20, 2015, PUC Consultant contacted the Applicant via electronic mail to determine whether the Applicant intended to proceed with the application, requested a response within thirty days, and no response was received; and

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Chanin Hill, Administrator, 722 Burpee Rd., Bristol, VT 05443, Phone: (802) 349-6918 Fax: (802) 453-2928 Email: cowpower@gmavt.net.

WHEREAS, At open meeting held on March 31, 2015, the PUC considered the application and determined that it has been inactive and pending responses to outstanding information request from the PUC Consultant. Therefore, the PUC dismissed the pending application for lack of compliance with the RES application process. The PUC finds that such dismissal does not address the merits of the application nor does it preclude the Applicant from submitting a new application for the generation unit.

Accordingly, it is

(21864) ORDERED:

- 1) That the application for certification as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource under Rhode Island RES Regulations submitted by Four Hills Farms for its Four Hills Farms Generation Unit in Bristol, Vermont (GIS # NON 37210), is hereby denied without prejudice on the basis that the Applicant did not complete the application process in a timely manner.
- 2) This Order does not make a determination of whether the generation unit would meet the eligibility requirements under Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard and therefore, the Applicant may submit a new application to the PUC for its review in the future.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 31, 2015
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
APRIL 1, 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr.

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*Commissioner Roberti concurs but is not available for signature.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 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.