

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4521
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY NEWPORT VINEYARD AND WINERY LLC – :
NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On September 2, 2014, Newport Vineyard and Winery LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Newport Vineyard and Winery LLC Generation Unit, a 0.0518 MW solar energy generation unit located in Middletown, Rhode Island, 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 comment was received; and

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2014 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's October 8, 2014 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a clarification that the facility will be directly grid-connected with no behind-the-meter generation; and

¹ The authorized representative was identified as John Nunes, Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842. Phone: (401) 848-5161 x111 Email: JohnN@newportvineyards.com.

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 R.I. Gen Laws §39-26-1; 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

(21673) ORDERED:

1) The Newport Vineyard and Winery LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.0518 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having an expected Commercial Operation Date of October 7, 2014 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Middletown, Rhode Island.

2) As a Generation Unit which has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and that the Company provide the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number when assigned by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation.

3) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's Commercial Operation Date and provision of the NEPOOL-GIS asset identification number, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a

Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

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. 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 OCTOBER 15, 2014
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
OCTOBER 15, 2014.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner*



Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner



*Commissioner Roberti concurs but is unavailable 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.