

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4537
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY SADDLEBACK RIDGE WIND, LLC - NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2014, Saddleback Ridge Wind, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Saddleback Ridge Wind Generation Unit, a 34.2 MW wind energy generation unit located in Carthage, Maine, 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, Said application described the Saddleback Ridge Wind Generation facility as being developed in two phases with Phase 1 (3 wind turbines, totaling 8.55 MW of capacity) to first enter commercial operation in December 2014, and the full 34.2 MW (12 wind turbines) scheduled to achieve commercial operation by September 2015; 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

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Lindsay Galbraith, Contract Manager, Patriot Renewables, LLC, 549 South Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Phone: (857) 403-0120 Fax: (617) 890-0606 Email: lgalbraith@patriotrenewables.com.

WHEREAS, On December 29, 2014, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's December 29, 2014 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: confirmation of commercial operation date and independent verification showing that the meter first spun after December 31, 1997. Specifically, said information documented that interconnection of Phase 1 of the Saddleback Wind Generation Facility was inspected and approved as of December 15, 2014 and commercial operation achieved on December 19, 2014, 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, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. 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 Applicant's certification if any material information provided by the Applicant proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is

(21819) ORDERED:

1) Phase 1 of the 34.2 MW Saddleback Ridge Wind Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource with its 8.55

MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of December 19, 2014 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Carthage, Maine.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS38173.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4537-N15.

4) The Generation Unit's Phase 1 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 from Phase 1 that are minted on or after the Effective Date are eligible for the RES.

5) As a Generation Unit for which only three of the facility's planned 12 wind turbines have achieved commercial operation, eligibility is granted herein only for Phase 1 (8.55 MW), with a conditional approval for the facility's total 34.2 MW capacity, pending a requirement that the Company provide the PUC with evidence documenting achievement of commercial operation for the remainder of the facility.

6) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting commercial operation of the total 34.2 MW capacity from the facility's combined 12 wind turbines, PUC staff is hereby authorized to update the PUC's records regarding total capacity of the Generation Unit from 8.55 MW to 34.2 MW and to notify the NEPOOL GIS Administrator of said update.

7) 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. Such continuing verification will include a report in September of 2015 detailing and verifying full commercial operation.

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

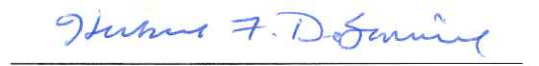
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 5, 2015
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

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. 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.