

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4538
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY MISSISQUOI RIVER HYDRO LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On December 3, 2014, Missisquoi River Hydro LLC¹ (Company), filed with the PUC an application seeking certification for its Missisquoi River Hydro Generation Unit, a 0.22 MW small hydro energy generation unit located in North Troy, 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 February 23, 2015 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's January 22, 2015 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a completed appendix C indicating generation unit is a repowering of an existing generation unit, as well as a detailed history and description of the property and facility. Additionally, clarification regarding generation unit certification in other states and confirmation of grid connected generation was provided; and

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Hilton H. Dier III, Managing Partner, 453 East Hill Rd., Middlesex, VT 05602; Phone: (802) 223-2153, Email: Hiltondier@gmail.com.

WHEREAS, On March 7, 2015 additional supplemental information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's March 6, 2015 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental information included: a statement regarding the material increase in efficiency, and the property tax and expenditures data. The supplemental information received provided the necessary evidence to prove the unit meets the definition of repowered as defined in Section 3.29 of the RES Regulations; 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 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

(21848) ORDERED:

1) The Missisquoi River Hydro Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its Repowered 0.22 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of August 28, 2013 and located within the NEPOOL control area in North Troy, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON38861.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique

certification number RI-4538-N15.

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 MARCH 13, 2015
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
MARCH 13, 2015.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION


Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner


Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner

*Commissioner Roberti did not participate.

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.