

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4593
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY CARBON ZERO, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On December 2, 2015, Carbon Zero, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Vermont Tissue Mill Dam Hydroelectric Generation Unit, a 0.36 MW small hydro generation unit located in Bennington, 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, The application included a request, to the extent required by the PUC, that A. Quincy Vale of Vale Law PLLC be approved as an independent verifier for verifying and reporting appropriate billing records from the Company’s Generation Unit to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS); 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 William F. Scully, Manager, Carbon Zero LLC, PO Box 338, North Bennington, VT 05257; Phone: (802) 379-2469; Email: wfsully@gmail.com.

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2016, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to the PUC in response to PUC Consultant's² January 4, 2016 information request; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: 1) clarification regarding the group net metering arrangement to confirm that the RECs generated from the facility could not be made available for sale or transferred for use to meet other renewable energy obligations, 2) a completed modified Appendix D to provide information about the independent verifier, and 3) a completed Appendix C to confirm that there was no "existing powerhouse" during the calendar years 1995 through 1997; 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, Although the facility is not located in Rhode Island and is not a behind-the-meter (customer-sited) facility, given that the Generation Unit's billing information will be self-reported to the GIS, and sufficient documentation was included in the supplemental information to confirm independence, the PUC hereby approves A. Quincy Vale as an independent verifier; 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.

² GDS Associates, Inc.

Accordingly, it is

(22300) ORDERED:

1) The Vermont Tissue Mill Dam Hydroelectric Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.36 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of September 15, 2015 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Bennington, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON58263.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4593-N16.

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) Mr. A. Quincy Vale of Vale Law PLLC meets the requirements for approval as a Rhode Island Independent Verifier.

6) 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.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 15, 2016,
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
JANUARY 15, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson



Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner



Herbert F. DeSimone, 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.