

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES' REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO HIRE A CONSULTANT FOR THE 2018 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH YEAR :
: **DOCKET NO. 4604**
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ORDER

On March 8, 2017, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting funding not to exceed \$68,000 for the purpose of retaining the services of a consultant pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-26.6-4(b).¹ OER stated that the consultant would be retained to perform the ceiling price studies in the 2018 Renewable Energy Growth program year.

At an Open Meeting held on April 12, 2017, the Commission voted unanimously to approve OER's request for \$68,000. The Commission found OER's request for funding to develop the ceiling prices for the 2018 program year to be reasonable and generally in-line with previous requests.²

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22765) ORDERED:

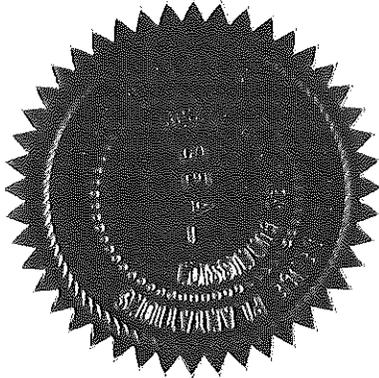
The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources' request for funding to retain the services of a consultant to perform the 2018 ceiling price services for the Renewable Energy Growth program in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 is approved.

¹ OER Letter (Mar. 6, 2017); [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4604-OER-BudgetaryRequest\(3-6-17\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4604-OER-BudgetaryRequest(3-6-17).pdf).

² It was noted that the consultant's invoices did not include an hourly rate or the number of hours billed. The Commission encouraged OER to seek such detailed information in the future. See OER Response to Comm. Data Request 1-4 at Attach. A; http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4604-OER-DR-PUC1_3-27-17.pdf.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 12, 2017 PURSUANT TO
AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 13, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Herbert F. DeSimone

Herbert F. DeSimone, Commissioner

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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 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.