

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

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4639  
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :  
BY WED PORTSMOUTH ONE, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2016, WED Portsmouth One, LLC<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its WED Portsmouth One Generation Unit, a 1.5 MW, Customer Sited (grid-direct), wind energy facility located in Portsmouth, 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 comments were received; and

WHEREAS, On October 7, October 10, October 11, October 12 and November 3, 2016 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant’s September 29 and October 12, 2016 requests for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental information included clarification on customer-sited vs. grid-connection configuration, ISO-NE Market Settlement System (MSS) Generator vs. Non-NEPOOL Generator (NON) designation, commercial operation date

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Mark DePasquale, 3760 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown, RI 02852; Phone: (401) 295-4998, Fax: (401) 295-4944, Email: [Md@wedenergy.com](mailto:Md@wedenergy.com).

documentation, self-reported vs. MSS reporting, third-party meter-reader/verifier (Vensys Energy Inc.) independent, and related Appendix D information; and

WHEREAS, The NEPOOL GIS designation will be NON, for customer-sited resource, and, the facility will also have an MSS, or grid-connected designation set up by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for purposes of selling energy from the unit,<sup>2</sup> and only the self-reported generation through the NON asset will be used for minting eligible new GIS Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs); and

WHEREAS, The Company will be using Vensys Energy Inc., the manufacturer of the wind turbines as its third-party meter-reader/verifier, and the Company has submitted evidence satisfactory to the PUC that Vensys Energy Inc. can act independently and will fulfill the role of verifier; 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 (including the Generation Unit's Customer Sited, grid-direct, configuration where said Generation Unit is interconnected in such a manner that, except for station service load, all of the electrical energy from the Generation Unit is delivered directly to the utility grid, but for the purposes of remote net metering), and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to the 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

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<sup>2</sup> The MSS asset needs to be deactivated in the GIS to document that the facility is a net metered unit such that no RECs will issue from the MSS asset.

certification if any material information provided by the Company proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is

(22617) ORDERED:

1) The WED Portsmouth One Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource with its 1.5 MW, Customer-Sited (grid-direct) Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of August 11, 2016 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON89109.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4639-N16.

4) The facility's 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 NOVEMBER 29, 2016  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
NOVEMBER 29, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

  
Marion S. Gold, 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.