

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

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4644  
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :  
BY WGL ENERGY – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On August 25, 2016, WGL Energy<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Brookside Equestrian Center – Solar Farm Generation Unit, a 1.246 MWDC solar energy generation unit located in North Smithfield, Rhode Island, as an eligible Existing 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 (30) day period for public comment was provided during which time, no such comments were received; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 2016 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant’s September 27, 2016 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a status update of facility operation and clarification regarding the reported NEPOOL GIS number; and

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Jack Hachmann, Manager, WGL Energy, 8614 Westwood Center Dr., Suite 1200, Vienna, VA 22182; Phone: (703) 333-3912 Fax: (703) 287-9405 Email: [jack.hachmann@wglenergy.com](mailto:jack.hachmann@wglenergy.com).

WHEREAS, On October 10, 2016 additional supplemental information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant providing evidence and confirmation of an assigned NEPOOL GIS number; 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 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

(22568) ORDERED:

1) The Brookside Equestrian Center – Solar Farm Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 1.246 MWDC, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet reached and located within the NEPOOL control area in North Smithfield, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS48899.

3) As a Generation Unit which has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation.

4) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's Commercial Operation Date, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities PUC Eligible Renewable

Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

5) 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.

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) 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 OCTOBER 13, 2016  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
OCTOBER 13, 2106.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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Herbert F. DeSimone, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL** PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. SECTION 39-5- , ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OR ORDER OF THE PUC MAY, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS (7) 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.