

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4653
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY HANCOCK WIND, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On October 4, 2016, Hancock Wind, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Hancock Wind, LLC Generation Unit, a 51 MW wind energy facility located in Township 16, Hancock County, Maine, 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 November 22, 2016 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's November 21, 2016 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: clarification regarding Hancock Wind's ISO-NE Asset ID and updated information on anticipated commercial operation date; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application, including said supplemental information, is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with

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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

(22613) ORDERED:

1) The Hancock Wind Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource with its 51 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet reached and located within the NEPOOL control area in Township 16, Hancock County, Maine.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS48082.

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 Commission 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) 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.