

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4788
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED BY :
GEORGES RIVER ENERGY, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On January 11, 2018, Georges River Energy, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Georges River Energy, LLC Generation Unit, an 8.5 MW eligible biomass Generation Unit located in Searsmont, 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 (Rules) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.0 and other relevant Sections of the Rules, a thirty-day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC staff and their application review consultant on March 12, 2018 and June 7, 2018 in response to the application review consultant's requests for said information on March 9, 2018 and June 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: (a) clarification regarding contact information, (b) clarification regarding the operations and decommissioning of existing boilers and a non-operable turbine, (c) additional

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information attesting that all electricity generated by the Generation Unit, less parasitic load to meet station service needs, will be delivered to the grid, and (d) an attestation that no electricity generated by the Generation Unit will be used to offset electric load from sawmill operations; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application and associated supplemental information is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the Rules and hereby grants the Company conditional certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to 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 hereby

(23198) ORDERED:

1) The Georges River Energy, LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Eligible Biomass Renewable Energy Resource with its 8.5 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet reached and located within the NEPOOL control area in Searsmont, Maine.

2) As a Generation Unit that has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying (a) Commercial Operation, (b) decommissioning of existing Boiler #1 and associated non-operating 1 MW turbine, and (c) evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number, including Market

Settlement System (MSS) designation, when assigned (or updated) by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation.

3) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's Commercial Operation Date and associated items, 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.

4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the 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 Renewable Energy Standard.

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 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion. Such continuing verification shall include a quarterly affidavit and supporting documentation of use of eligible fuels.

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 JUNE 20, 2018
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
JUNE 20, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Abigail Anthony, 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 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.