

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4834
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY HOOSIC RIVER HYDRO, LLC :**

ORDER

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2018, Hoosic River Hydro, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Pownal Tannery Project Generation Unit, a 0.491 MW small hydro Generation Unit located in North Pownal, Vermont, 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, The application, and supplemental information, included a designation and supporting documentation that William Short III serve in the role of independent verifier for verifying and self-reporting appropriate billing records from the Company's Generation Unit to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS); 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, On July 22, 2018, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's July 3, 2018 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information consisted of completed portions of Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Application Form Appendix D,

¹ The authorized representative was identified as William Short, P.O. Box 23173 New York, NY 10023; Phone: (917) 206-0001; Email: w.shortiii@verizon.net.

Section D.2, including the name, contact information, qualifications and independence of the applicant's Verifier and proposed procedures under which the quantities of energy production will be directly entered into the NEPOOL GIS in accordance with NEPOOL GIS Operating Rules applicable to Third-Party Meter Readers; 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 certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, Given that the Generation Unit's billing information will be self-reported to the GIS, and sufficient documentation was included in the supplemental information to confirm independence and compliance with GIS Operating Procedures, the PUC hereby approves William Short III as an independent verifier; 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

(23235) ORDERED:

1) The Pownal Tannery Project Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.491 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of August 29, 2017 and located within the NEPOOL control area in North Pownal, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON117304.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4834-N18.

4) 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 Renewable Energy Standard.

5) Mr. William Short III meets the requirements for approval as a Rhode Island Independent Verifier for this Generation Unit.

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 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard 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 JULY 31, 2018

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
AUGUST 8, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Marion S. Gold

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

Abigail Anthony

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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.