

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4854  
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :  
BY STEVE THURSTON – NEW GENERATION :**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, On August 8, 2018, Steve Thurston<sup>1</sup> (Owner) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Thurston Sails Inc Generation Unit, a 0.0345 MW AC (0.04 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in Bristol, 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 (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 from October 11, 2018, through December 7, 2018, in response to the application review consultant's requests for said information from October 3, 2018, through December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a) information regarding the NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number of the Generation Unit, b) Corporate Certification verifying that the Authorized Representative is authorized to

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Ashley Fennelly, 89 Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748; Phone: (774) 286-9276; Email: [afennelly@solect.com](mailto:afennelly@solect.com).

legally bind the corporation in like manners, and c) the nameplate capacity of the Generation Unit; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the Rules and hereby grants the Owner 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 Owner and the PUC may reverse its ruling or revoke the Owner's certification if any material information provided by the Owner proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23353) ORDERED:

1) The Thurston Sails Inc Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.0345 MW AC (0.04 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of February 21, 2018, and located within the NEPOOL control area in Bristol, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON127528.

3) The Owner's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4854-N18.

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 Owner's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Owner 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.

6) The Owner shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, ON DECEMBER 20, 2018,  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
DECEMBER 21, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



*Margaret E. Curran*

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Marion S. Gold*

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

*Abigail Anthony*

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.