

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4985**  
**ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :**  
**FILED BY WESTBOUND SOLAR, LLC :**  
**- NEW GENERATION :**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2019, Westbound Solar, LLC<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Walmart North Kingstown Generation Unit, a 0.360 MW AC solar energy Generation Unit located in North Kingstown, 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 2.6 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 November 25, 2019 through December 6, 2019 in response to the application review consultant's request for said information from November 20, 2019 through December 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a) clarification regarding the Owner of the Generation Unit, b) clarification regarding the nameplate capacity of the Generation Unit, c) clarification regarding the Grid-Connected

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Janet Bridges, 550 South Caldwell Street, Suite 925 Charlotte, NC 28202; Phone: (704) 382-6266; Email: [Janet.Bridges@duke-energy.com](mailto:Janet.Bridges@duke-energy.com).

status of the Generation Unit, d) documentation providing the NEPOOL GIS Identification Number of the Generation Unit, and e) a revised Section 6.1 to correct an inappropriately unchecked box; 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 Company 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

(23739) ORDERED:

1) The Walmart North Kingstown Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.360 MW AC, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of May 17, 2019 and located within the NEPOOL control area in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON145137.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4985-N19.

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) 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.

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 DECEMBER 17, 2019  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
DECEMBER 17, 2019 .

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.