

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4988
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY TPE HOPKINS SOLAR HOLDINGS I, :
LLC – NEW GENERATION :**

ORDER

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2019, TPE Hopkins Solar Holdings I LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its TPE Hopkins Solar Holdings I LLC Generation Unit, a 6.678 MW AC (9.54 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in West Greenwich, 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 December 9, 2019 through December 12, 2019 in response to the application review consultant's request for said information from December 5, 2019 through December 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a) the appropriate contact information for Owner of the Generation Unit and the Operator of the Generation Unit, b) documentation providing the NEPOOL GIS Identification Number of

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the Generation Unit, c) clarification regarding the nameplate capacity of the Generation Unit, d) clarification regarding the Grid-Connected nature of the Generation Unit, and e) clarification regarding the appropriate documentation to demonstrate the authority of the Authorized Representative to submit the application; 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, As a Grid-Connected, community net-metered facility, sufficient documentation was included in the application to confirm the independence of the verifier, the PUC hereby approves AlsoEnergy, Inc. 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

(23741) ORDERED:

1) The TPE Hopkins Solar Holdings I LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 6.678 MW AC (9.54 MW DC), Grid-Connected, community net-metered Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of July 15, 2019 and located within the NEPOOL control area in West Greenwich, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON145562.

3) The Company's Generation Unit's as identified above is hereby assigned the unique certification number RI-4988-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



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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.