

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 5004
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY DUKE ENERGY RENEWABLES COMMERCIAL LLC :
– NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

On January 15, 2020, Duke Energy Renewables Commercial, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Walmart Warwick Generation Unit, a 0.360 MW AC solar energy Generation Unit located in Warwick, 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.

The Company provided supplemental and clarifying information to PUC Staff and their application review consultant from May 14, 2020 through November 5, 2020 in response to the application review consultant’s request for said information from April 7, 2020 through September 28, 2020. The supplemental and clarifying information included: a) submission of one-line diagram, b) completion of Appendix D naming Daymark Energy Advisors as the independent verifier and clarifying contractual relationship, c) updated Appendix B authorization granted from Owner of facility, and d) clarification regarding net metering arrangement and operation through Power Purchase Agreement.

The application included a request, to the extent required by the Commission, that Aliea Afnan of Daymark Energy Advisors be approved as an independent verifier for verifying and

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Lawrence Denney, 550 South Caldwell Street, Suite 925, Charlotte, NC 28202. Phone: 704-382-6266; Email: Lawrence.Denney@duke-energy.com.

reporting appropriate billing records from the Company's Generation Unit to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS).

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 § 39-26-1.² 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

(23788) ORDERED:

1) The Walmart Warwick 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 November 20, 2019 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Warwick, Rhode Island.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON145854.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-5004-N20.

4) That Aliea Afnan of Daymark Energy Advisors meets the requirements for approval as a Rhode Island Independent Verifier for the Company's Generation Unit.

5) 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

² 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.

associated with the production of eligible energy that are minted on or after the Effective Date are eligible for the Renewable Energy Standard.

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 on its behalf, 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2020
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON NOVEMBER 17, 2020.
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED NOVEMBER 18, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, 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.