

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 5021**  
**ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :**  
**FILED BY AFL-HBAN SOLAR TRUST :**  
**– NEW GENERATION :**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, AFL-HBAN Solar Trust<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Battle Creek 1 Solar Generation Unit, a 2.2 MW AC (3.38 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in Bennington, 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, 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, The application included a request that VEPP Inc., as aggregator of a number of Vermont Standard Offer Program projects (all of which are grid-connected),<sup>2</sup> be approved to serve as an independent Verifier for verifying electrical generation output and entering into the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS) the quantity of eligible energy produced by applicant's Generation Unit;<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Christopher Little, 222 South Ninth Street, Suite 1600 Minneapolis, MN 55402; Phone: (651) 268-2053; Email: [chris.little@ecosrenewable.com](mailto:chris.little@ecosrenewable.com).

<sup>2</sup> Per VEPP Inc. communication, dated October 4, 2017, the Commission has confirmed that the entire output from this and related Vermont facilities is directly interconnected and delivered to the utility grid and distributed pro-rata to the Vermont utilities pursuant to the Vermont statute governing the Standard Offer Program.

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

(23819) ORDERED:

1) The Battle Creek 1 Solar Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 2.2 MW AC (3.38 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of September 26, 2019 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Bennington, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON145631.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-5021-N20.

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.

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<sup>3</sup> See Sections 2.3(A)(33) and 2.6(H)(3) and 2.6(H)(4) of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard Rules and Regulations.

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.

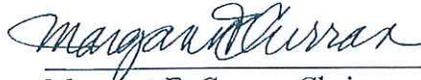
6) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WAR WICK, RH ODE ISLAND ON APRIL 28, 2020

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED

APRIL 29, 2020.

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.