## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 5069

ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED : BY ECHO PRESERVATION LP – NEW GENERATION :

## **ORDER**

On September 2, 2020, Echo Preservation LP<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Echo Valley Solar Generation Unit, a 0.373 MW AC (0.426 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in West 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 on October 7, 2020 and October 21, 2020 in response to the application review consultant's request for said information on October 7, 2020. The supplemental and clarifying information included: a) clarification regarding the nameplate capacity of the Generation Unit, b) updated authorization of representation, and c) independent verification of first spin.

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.<sup>2</sup> The PUC's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Michael Gilbert, 250 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10019. Phone: 914-310-4380; Email: michael.gilbert@fairstead.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

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

(23933) ORDERED:

- 1) The Echo Valley Solar Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.373 MW AC (0.426 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of August 25, 2020 and located within the NEPOOL control area in West Warwick, Rhode Island.
- 2) That the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS69300.
- 3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-5069-N20.
- 4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Islandeligible effective on the first day when 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 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.

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 OCTOBER 28, 2020
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON OCTOBER 28, 2020.
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED OCTOBER 29, 2020.

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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.