

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on April 14, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 2:30 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Commissioner John Revens, John Harrington, Todd Bianco, Alan Nault, Rudolph Falcone and Luly Massaro. Remotely: Patricia Lucarelli and Emma Rodvien.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. A quorum was present.

- II. **Docket No. 5134 – Pascoag Utility District** - Pascoag Utility District submitted a rate application requesting an increase in revenue requirement of \$379,332 and approval of new rates and schedules for effect April 18, 2021. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to suspend the rate increase request beyond the effective date of April 18, 2021 for the purpose of conducting examination and hearing on the proposal. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 5128 – WED Development LLC d/b/a GDIM 1, LLC, GDIM 2, LLC, GDIM 3, LLC and GDIM 4, LLC (Petitioner)** - In this docket, the Petitioner submitted a petition to dispute an interconnection under Section 9 of The Narragansett Electric Company Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation R.I.P.U.C. No. 2180 (Tariff). After consideration, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to dismiss the petition without prejudice of WED Development seeking further relief if warranted after a FERC ruling. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- IV. **Docket No. 5096 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – This docket relates to National Grid’s 2021 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Procurement Plans. The Company submitted on April 9, 2021, supplemental testimony requesting approval to modify the 2020 RES Plan as requested by the Company and 2) approval of the Company’s proposed valuation methodology in the event that the Company banks RECs that it considered selling for both 2020 and 2021. The Division supported the proposed modifications. The following votes were made:
 - a.) Commissioner Anthony moved that the Commission approve the modifications to the 2020 RES Plan as requested by National Grid which includes the use of online broker platforms for transactions and updates to the purchase, sales, and banking strategy and changes to the transfer price methodology for the fourth quarter of 2020. Also, when the company files its 2022 RES Procurement Plan, they must include quarterly REC purchases and sales, quarterly REC prices, and

an analysis of the fourth quarter banking which might include a comparison of the quarter fourth banking strategy that they developed at the beginning of the fourth quarter to the actual REC banking upon the conclusion of the fourth quarter. Chairman Gerwatowski seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** Commissioner Revens abstained.

b.) Commissioner Anthony moved that the Commission approve the Company's proposed valuation methodology in the event that the Company banks RECs that it considered selling for both 2020 and 2021. Chairman Gerwatowski seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** Commissioner Revens abstained.

V. Eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource – The Commission reviewed the application for eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource submitted in the following dockets:

Docket No. 5112 – Future Healthcare Systems NE, Inc (Company) - The Company applied for eligibility of the 65 Industrial Circle generation unit, a 0.150 MW AC (0.223 MW DC) solar facility located in Lincoln, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 5118 – BD Solar 1, LLC (Company) - The Company applied for eligibility of the Milo PV generation unit, a 20 MW AC (27.42984 MW DC) solar facility located in Augusta, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to conditionally approve pending verification of the facility's commercial operation date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 5119 – BD Solar Augusta, LLC (Company) - The Company applied for eligibility of the Augusta PV generation unit, a 7.2 MW AC (8.7372 MW DC) solar facility located in August, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to conditionally approve pending verification of the facility's commercial operation date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 5120 – BD Solar Fairfield, LLC (Company) - The Company applied for eligibility of the Fairfield PV generation unit, a 4.99 MW AC (7.3712 MW DC) solar facility located in Fairfield, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to conditionally approve pending verification of the facility's commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS identification number. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 5121 – BD Solar Oxford, LLC (Company) - The Company applied for eligibility of the Oxford PV generation unit, a 9.2 AC (12.8736 MW DC) solar

facility located in Oxford, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept PUC consultant's recommendation to conditionally approve pending verification of the facility's commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS identification number. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VI. There being no further business to discuss, the Open Meeting adjourned at 2:41 P.M.