

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION** : **DOCKET NO. 5207**  
**AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE** :  
**BY COMMONWEALTH NEW BEDFORD ENERGY LLC** :  
**NEW GENERATION** :

**ORDER**

On December 1, 2021 Commonwealth New Bedford Energy LLC <sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Greater New Bedford LFG Utilization Project Generation Unit, a 3.30 MW AC biomass energy Generation Unit located in New Bedford, Massachusetts 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 the PUC on December 2, 2021 regarding the facility’s fuel source plan and ownership structure.

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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as George Aronson, Principal, Commonwealth Resource Management Corporation, 229 Billings St, Sharon, MA 02067; Phone: 781-784-8835; Email: [garonson@crmex.com](mailto:garonson@crmex.com).

<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

Accordingly, it is

(24302) ORDERED:

1) The Greater New Bedford LFG Utilization Project Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a new biomass facility using eligible biomass fuels renewable energy resource with its 3.30 MW AC, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of November 1, 2005 and located within the NEPOOL control area in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

2) Eligibility as a biomass facility using eligible biomass fuels Renewable Energy Resource is granted.

3) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is MSS11052.

4) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-5207-N22.

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

6) As an Eligible Biomass Generation Unit, the Company shall provide a quarterly affidavit that provides all necessary information for PUC review in a format consistent with the template spreadsheet provided in conjunction with this Order, along with relevant documentation to verify the use of eligible fuels.

7) 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.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 28, 2022  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
JANUARY 31, 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



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John C. Revens, Jr., 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.