

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 9, 2018

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Alan Nault and Todd Bianco.

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

Docket No. 4755 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – The PUC considered National Grid's compliance filing submitted to reflect the PUC's decision at the Open Meeting on December 20, 2017. The compliance filing, the Amended 2018 Energy Efficiency Plan, was submitted on December 26, 2017. Subsequently, the Company submitted a request that the electric and gas Energy Efficiency Program Charges be effective January 11, 2018. The PUC reviewed and discussed the intent of the PUC's December 20 Open Meeting decision and the expectation of National Grid's compliance filing, the Amended 2018 Energy Efficiency Plan. After deliberation, the following motions were made:

1. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grid's December 26 compliance filing, the Amended 2018 Energy Efficiency Program Plan, with additional direction that National Grid provide reporting on the R&D and pilot program in its 2019 Energy Efficiency Program Plan. Additionally, if there is any confusion with respect to the PUC's intent in future decision, National Grid is directed to seek clarification from PUC counsel regarding any uncertainty pertaining to the disposition of ratepayer funds. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
2. Commissioner Anthony moved that the rates proposed in the Company's December 26 compliance filing, the Amended 2018 Energy Efficiency Program Plan, will go into effect on January 11, 2018. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 4765 - Pownal Park Solar, LLC - Pownal Park Solar, LLC submitted an application for eligibility certification of the Pownal Park Solar generation unit, a 2.2 MW solar facility located in Pownal, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC submitted a memorandum recommending approval of the application. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Chairperson Curran recused herself from the Open Meeting due to her presiding as the Chairperson of the Energy Facility Siting Board.

Docket No. 4737 - Clear River Energy, LLC - This docket relates to the PUC's issuance of an advisory opinion to the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) regarding the need and cost-justification of the proposed Burrillville Interconnection Project (which application was jointly submitted by National Grid and Clear River Energy LLC's to the EFSB). The Town of Burrillville's submitted on December 14, 2017, a Position Memorandum and Motion for Stay of the proceeding pending the decisions of FERC on National Grid and Clean River Energy's litigation matters before the FERC. The matter before the FERC relates to cost analysis for the project. Responsive pleadings were submitted by Clean River Energy, National Grid and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. After discussion, Commissioner Gold made the following motions:

1. To direct counsel to request the Energy Facility Siting Board for guidance regarding the status of the underlying application and the status of the March 15 deadline for the issuance of PUC's Advisory Opinion.
2. To direct counsel to work with the parties to set a new procedural schedule(s) with consideration if the PUC were to adhere to the March 15 deadline; and a schedule assuming that the March 15 deadline will be extended.
3. The parties are directed that discovery related to the FERC proceeding should be narrowly tailored to costs only.

Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

The Open Meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.