

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 26, 2018**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Margaret Hogan, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco, and Luly Massaro.

**Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 1:36 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.**

**Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings held on January 2, 2018, January 9, 2018 and January 12, 2018** - After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion. Motion to approve the minutes unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Docket No. 4341 – Pascoag Utility District (Pascoag Utility)** – Pascoag Utility submitted on December 8, 2017 a Request to Use Funds From the Storm Reserve Fund under the Settlement Agreement approved in this docket. Specifically, Pascoag Utility seeks to withdraw \$19,643.50 from the Storm Reserve Fund for storm related expense associated with the Rain/Wind Storm that occurred on October 29, 2017. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the request. Finding that the request comports with the procedures approved by the PUC and documented by the Division, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the request by Pascoag Utility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Docket No. 4606 – Block Island Power Co. (BIPCo)** – BIPCo filed on December 26, 2017 a request to continue exemption from the retail access provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.3 of the Utility Restructuring Act. BIPCo seeks an extension from retail access until April 30, 2020. The request extends the current exemption from October 1, 2018 until April 30, 2020. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of BIPCo's request. Based on the Division's memorandum and finding that the exemption is in the public's interest pursuant to the statute, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the request by BIPCo. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Docket No. 4742 – EPG Solar 1** – EGP Solar 1 submitted an application for eligibility certification of the Sheldon Springs Solar generation unit, a 2.2 MW solar facility located in Sheldon Springs, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review and recommending approval of the application. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Applications for Registration as Provider of Telecommunications Service** – The following companies submitted an application to provide telecommunications service in the state. The Division submitted a memorandum recommending approval of:

- Docket No. 4786 – IT Global Networks, LLC
- Docket No. 4787 – B A Telecom, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the applications as submitted. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.  
**Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 1:53 P.M.