

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 30, 2017**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Patricia Lucarelli, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Maggie Hogan, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco, and Luly Massaro.

**Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.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 November 29, 2016, December 13, 2016, December 20, 2016, & January 9, 2017** – After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4687 – SQF, LLC** – SQF LLC filed on December 28, 2016 an application for authority to transact as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application and Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion. The motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4679 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag filed on December 8, 2016 a tariff advice to add Decorative LED street lighting. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommended that the PUC approve Pascoag’s filing, including Pascoag’s correction (to page 5 of the tariff) submitted as an attachment in response to the PUC’s 2<sup>nd</sup> data request. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Pascoag’s filing as corrected by the Company. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4685 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid** – National Grid filed on December 29, 2016 a tariff filing to amend the Street Lighting and Area Tariff to provide retail delivery service to the State for the purchase of street and area lighting facilities. The tariff was subsequently amended on January 24, 2017 to change the “Availability” section of the tariff to include other public entities. Commissioner Gold moved to suspend the filing to continue with examination of the tariff filing. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and motion to suspend and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4676 – National Grid** – National Grid filed on November 21, 2016 a proposal to bid capacity of customer-owned distributed generation facilities in the ISO-New England Forward Capacity Market and proposed tariff revisions for effect February 1, 2017. Commissioner Gold moved to suspend the filing to continue with examination and hearing into the proposal. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and motion to suspend and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

## Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Applications

Review of eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets by:

- 4674 – Pisgah Mountain, LLC submitted an application for certification of the Pisgah Mountain, LLC Generation Unit, a 9.075 MW wind generation facility located in Clifton, Maine, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a recommendation summarizing his review and recommending approval of the eligibility application. Commissioner Gold moved to approve and Chairperson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4665 – Marble River, LLC submitted an application for certification of the Marble River, LLC Generation Unit, a 215.25 MW wind generation facility located in Churubusco, New York, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a recommendation summarizing his review and recommending approval of the eligibility application. Commissioner Gold moved to approve and Chairperson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The eligibility status of the following six facilities has changed. The interconnection configuration of the facilities changed from grid-connected to behind-the-meter. The facilities are certified as eligible existing renewable resources having a combined total nameplate capacity of 8.09 MW. The facilities are not physically located in Rhode Island. They are located in Vermont. Section 5.3 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard states that “NEPOOL GIS Certificates associated with energy production from Off-Grid Generation and Customer-sited [behind-the-meter] Generation facilities certified by the Commission as Eligible Renewable Energy Resources may also be used to demonstrate compliance, *provided that the facilities are physically located in Rhode Island.*” (emphasis added.) PUC consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review and providing a chronology of emails associated with the matter between the consultant, the PUC and the hydro facilities. The PUC consultant recommended that the PUC decertify without prejudice, the following facilities:

- 4415 – Village of Enosburg Falls’ Enosburg Hydro Generation Unit, a 0.975 MW small hydro energy facility located in Enosburg Falls, Vermont.
- 4416 – Village of Barton Falls’ Barton Hydro Generation Unit, a 1.4 MW small hydro energy facility located in Barton, Vermont.
- 4441 – Town of Hardwick Electric Department’s Wolcott Hydro #1 Generation Unit, a 0.815 MW small hydro energy facility located in Wolcott, Vermont.
- 4458 – Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department’s H.K. Sanders Generation Unit, a 1.8 MW small hydro energy facility located in Hyde Park, Vermont.
- 4459 – Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department’s Morrisville Plant #2 Generation Unit, a 1.8 MW small hydro facility located in Morrisville, Vermont.
- 4460 – Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department’s Cadys Falls Generation Unit, a 1.3 MW small hydro energy facility located in Morristown, Vermont.

The PUC noted that the facilities have been given ample notice of both our rules and regulations regarding the Renewable Energy Standard and that behind-the-meter facilities must be physically located in Rhode Island. Commissioner DeSimone moved to decertify

the six facilities without prejudice. In the event there is a change in the configuration of the facilities, they can reapply. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.