

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 20, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, and Sharon Colby Camara.

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.

4618 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – The PUC reviewed PWSB’s compliance filing submitted on February 16, 2017 and responsive pleadings. PWSB’s compliance filing included the removal of a \$300,000 adjustment to IFR from PWSB’s initial compliance filing submitted on February 15, 2017, which had been rejected at the February 16 open meeting. The second compliance filing complied with the PUC’s February 16 open meeting directive. However, PWSB asked the PUC to consider approving the initial compliance filing. The Division filed a position stating that the rates under each compliance filing are correctly calculated based on the revenue requirement contained in each of the compliance filings.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to accept the second compliance filing. The Chairperson noted that while the PUC discussed capitalized labor in its prior open meeting (on February 10, 2018), the PUC did intend to include a reduction to revenues. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. Commissioner DeSimone stated that when the PUC looked at the IFR component, it made a \$300,000 downward adjustment to the IFR based on capitalized labor and overhead component. PWSB second compliance filing submitted on February 16, 2017 was unanimously approved. **Vote 3-0.**

4676 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – There was no discussion of this docket because the PUC rendered a bench decision at the February 17, 2017 hearing. This docket relates to National Grid’s proposal to bid capacity of customer-owned distributed generation facilities into the ISO-New England (ISO-NE) Forward Capacity Market (FCM) and to propose ratemaking treatment of certain FCM costs and proceeds associated with activities of the FCM.

Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Applications Dockets – The PUC reviewed the eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets by:

- **4666 – Flat Rock Windpower, LLC’s** application for certification of the Maple Ridge I Generation Unit, a 231 MW wind energy facility located in Lowville, New York. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum summarizing his review and finding the facility meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource.

- **4667 – Flat Rock Windpower II, LLC’s** application for certification of the Maple Ridge II Generation Unit, a 90.75 MW wind energy facility located in Lowville, New York. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum summarizing his review and finding the facility meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the eligibility applications as submitted by the applicants. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.