

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 30, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Linda George, Margaret 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.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on March 10, 2017 – After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the March 10, 2107 Minutes of Open Meeting. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4641 – Kent County Water Authority – On March 15, 2017, Kent County Water submitted a Motion to Pass Through the recent wholesale rate increase granted to Providence Water in Docket No. 4618. The proposal represents an increase of 1% to metered rates. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval as submitted. Chairperson Curran moved to approve KCWA's motion for effect on or after March 30, 2017. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4689A – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on December 16, 2016 a request for approval of the Certificates of Eligibility (COEs) for four commercial-scale and large scale projects selected in the Company's Third 2016 Open Enrollment under the Renewable Energy Growth Program. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the COEs for the four commercial-scale and large scale projects selected in the Company's open enrollment. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4691 – National Grid – There was no discussion of this docket because the PUC rendered a bench decision at the March 29, 2017 hearing. This docket relates to National Grid's 2017 Annual Retail Rate Filing.

4605 – National Grid – – There was no discussion of this docket because the PUC rendered a bench decision at the March 29, 2017 hearing. This docket relates to National Grid's Renewable Energy Standard Charge and Reconciliation Filing.

4692 – National Grid – National Grid filed on March 1, 2017 proposed 2018 Standard Offer Service (SOS) Procurement Plan and 2018 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Procurement Plan. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing the filings and recommending approval of both procurement plans as submitted. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve both of National Grid's procurement plans as submitted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4690 – Block Island Power Co. (BIPCo) –On February 10, 2017, BIPCo submitted a proposed Procurement Plan and Tariff Filing. BIPCo proposed Standard Offer and Transmission tariffs and revisions to its existing tariffs for effect April 1. Chairperson Curran moved to suspend the tariffs in order to conduct discovery and hearing into the proposal. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4606 – Block Island Power Co. – On February 3, 2017, BIPCo filed an Exemption Request. BIPCo seeks continued exemption from the retail access provisions of R.I. General Laws § 39-1-27.3 of the Utility Restructuring Act for one year, through October 1, 2018. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and supporting the Company’s exemption request. Chairperson Curran moved to approve BIPCo’s exemption request. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4688 – Block Island Power Co. – BIPCO filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment on February 1, 2017. By agreement of the parties, BIPCo was granted additional time to file its reply comments from March 28 to April 4. Noting that since the PUC does not have the additional information and that oral arguments may be in order, Chairperson Curran moved to find that BIPCo’s request for additional time to file reply comments constitutes good cause for extending the time for ruling on the Petition past the 60 day review period. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.