

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 12, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Todd Bianco.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

1725 – Rules Governing the Termination of Electric, Gas and Water Utility Service -

The George Wiley Center submitted on March 18, 2016, a request to extend the winter moratorium until May 1 for electric and gas customers. The Division filed a position to grant the Wiley's request a two-week extension of the winter moratorium. Consistent with decisions in previous years, Commissioner Roberti moved to grant the Wiley's request to extend the moratorium. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Providence Water Supply Board – Providence Water filed on April 1, 2016, a Motion for Relief of Rule 2.6(a) to use a different test year that is outside of the nine months period set forth in the rule for its anticipated rate filing. The Division filed a letter indicating that it does not object to the motion. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Providence Water's Motion for Relief. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4238 & 4266 – Nexus Communications, Inc. – Nexus Communications submitted on March 31, 2016, 1) a request to relinquish its designations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in Docket No. 4238 and 2) a request to cancel its registration as a telecommunications provider in Docket No. 4266. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to grant the requests as requested. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4604 – RI Office of Energy Resources – The Office of Energy Resources filed on February 17, 2016, a budgetary request to perform the 2017 ceiling price services for the Renewable Energy Growth Program and anticipated related costs. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve a budgetary request in the amount not to exceed \$85,000 to fund the hiring of a consultant to perform the 2017 ceiling price services for the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4600 – Investigation Into the Changing Electric Distribution System – The PUC reviewed the applications submitted for participation in the stakeholder's committee. The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and the Office of Energy Resources submitted a letter designating a nominee. The PUC has previously designated them as stakeholders to the committee. Other applications were submitted by the: 1) Lt. Governor Daniel J. McKee, 2) Conservation Law Foundation, 3)

Acadia Center, 4) New England Clean Energy Council, 5) The Energy Council of Rhode Island, 6) Rhode Island Manufacturers Association, 7) Solar City Corporation, 8) Energy Development Partners, 9) New Energy, Inc., 10) RI Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council, 11) Utilidata, Inc. and 12) Energy Consumers Alliance of New England d/b/a People's Power & Light. After review, Chairperson Curran moved that all applications submitted be approved and the applicants be allowed to enter the proceeding. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.
Vote 3-0.

The open meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.