

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 12, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Margaret Hogan, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on February 10, 2017 and March 30, 2017 –

Chairperson moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. Motion to approve the minutes passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes with the caveat that he disagreed with the characterization of the words “ignore” and “merely” stated on page 3, under City Services. He found it to be strong.

1725 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Gas, Electric and Water Residential Service – The PUC reviewed The George Wiley Center’s March 27, 2107 request to extend the winter moratorium on utility shutoffs from April 15 to May 1, 2017. The Division filed comments recommending that the PUC grant the request. National Grid, Block Island Power Company and Pascoag Utility District filed comments indicating no objection. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to extend the winter moratorium from April 15 to May 1. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4604 – RI Office of Energy Resources (OER) – The PUC considered OER’s March 6, 2017 budgetary request of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000.00) to perform the ceiling price study for the 2018 Renewable Energy Growth Program. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve OER’s request. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion. He noted, however, from examining OER’s data response, that there was no accounting to document the number of hours or hourly rate for the consultant. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:11 A.M.