

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 15, 2015

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of Open Meeting held on June 3, 2015 – Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

The following companies submitted revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends the tariff filings go into effect without suspension:

- 2426 – Teleport Communications America, LLC (tariff filing 5/22/15)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 6/1/15)
- 2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filing 5/15/15)
- 3028 – CenturyLink Communications LLC (tariff filing 5/26/15)
- 4117 – Airus, Inc. (tariff filing 6/10/15)
- 2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance LLC (tariff filings 5/22 & 6/1/15)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 6/10/15)

After review, the PUC accepted the Division's recommendation to allow the tariffs go into effect without suspension. **Vote 3-0.**

4567 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on June 1, 2015, a filing to implement rate changes to its intrastate access tariffs. The tariff change reflects a reduction to intrastate access rates pursuant to FCC's mandate. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends the tariff filing go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved that the tariffs go into effect without suspension. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4566 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on May 14, 2015, its annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Reconciliation Filing and associated RDM Adjustment Factor for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2015. National Grids proposes an RDM Adjustment Factor of \$0.00091 per kWh applicable to all customers, effective July 1, 2015. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of the filing and recommending approval of the proposed RDM Adjustment Factor. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve

Company's RDM factors. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4535 –National Grid – National Grid filed on May 15, 2015, proposed Long-Term Contracting (LTC) for Renewable Energy Recovery Factor for the period July 2015 through December, 2015 (Pricing Period). The LTC Recovery Factor is designed to recover the estimated above-market value of the Company's executed long-term contracts for the Pricing Period. National Grid is proposing an LTC Recovery Factor of \$0.0023 per kWh applicable to all customer, effective July 1, 2015. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of the filing and recommending approval of the proposed LTC Recovery Factor. The proposed factor is statutory and represents an increase of 90¢ per month to a typical residential customer. Commissioner DeSimone moved to find that good cause exist under R.I.G.L. 39-3-12 to waive the requirement of a hearing. Chairperson Curran seconded and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's proposed LTC Recovery Factor. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4490 – National Grid – National Grid filed on May 21, 2015 proposed Standard Offer Service (SOS) Rates for the Commercial Group for the Months of July 2015 through December 2015, and SOS rates for the Industrial Group for the Months of July 2015 through September 2015. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of the filing and finding that National Grid's filing is in compliance with the 2015 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the PUC on June 30, 2014. After review, Commissioner DeSimone move to approve the proposed SOS rates as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2379(O3) – Incite Energy, LLC – Incite Energy filed on May 5, 2015 an application for authority to transact as a gas marketer. The Division has reviewed the application, founded in conformance with PUC's regulations and recommends approval of the application. Commissioner Roberti moved to approve Incite Energy's application. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Applications Dockets - Review of the eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets by:

- 4564 – North Kingstown Solar 1, LLC - Application for eligibility certification of the North Kingstown Solar 1 Generation Unit, a 0.495 MW solar energy generation unit located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum recommending approval of the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement recommended by PUC

Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- 4565 – Johnston Solar I, LLC - Application for eligibility certification of the Johnston Solar I Generation Unit, a 1.375 MW solar energy generation unit located in Johnston, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum recommending approval of the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement recommended by PUC Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Motion to Amend Open Meeting Agenda: Commissioner Roberti moved that the PUC amend the agenda for discussion purpose. Chairperson Curran moved and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC discussed matters relating to National Grid's residential and commercial arrearage and uncollectible accounts.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.