

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 11, 2013

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Dilip Shah, Nicholas Ucci 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. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on June 28, 2013: Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** Chairperson Curran abstained.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies submitted revisions to their existing rates. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 2618 – AT&T Corporation (tariff filings 7/1/13)
- 3381 – DSCI Corporation (tariff filing 6/21/13)
- 2262(J20) – Embarq Communications (tariff filing 6/27/13)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 7/1/13)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 7/1/13)
- 2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 7/1/13)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

4422 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on June 20, 2013 tariff filing to increase the monthly rate of the Regional Essentials and Regional Value packages for residential customers by \$5.00. Chairperson Curran noted that associated bundled and voice discounts would be increased by \$5.00 which would cancel the proposed \$5.00 increase in price. The Division has reviewed the tariff filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the tariff filing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberti and was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4396 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed an Amendment to Interconnection Agreement (ICA) executed between Verizon Rhode Island and 365 Wireless, LLC. The Division has reviewed the ICA Amendment and recommends adoption. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to adopt the ICA Amendment. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Applications

Review and rule the following companies' request to re-certify renewable energy resources application to modify the percentage of New and Existing generation allocation. Commission Consultant recommended approval of the companies' requests:

- 4275 - North American Energy Alliance LLC's request for re-certification of the Red Bridge Project Generation Unit.
- 4292 - North American Energy Alliance LLC's request for re-certification of the Putts Bridge Project Generation Unit.
- 3937 – Putnam Hydropower LLC's request for re-certification of the Putnam Hydropower Generation Unit.
- 3805 – Pawtucket Hydropower LLC's request for re-certification of the Pawtucket Hydropower LLC's Generation Unit.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the requests for re-certification as recommended by Commission Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4414 – ACP Land LLC (ACP) – ACP filed on May 29, 2013 an application for certification for the ACP Solar I Generation Unit, a 0.49 MW Solar Energy Generation Unit located in Middletown, RI, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. Commission Consultant recommended approval of the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with written documentation verifying commercial operation and that the Company provide the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number when assigned by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation. Commissioner Bray moved to approve ACP's application with conditional requirement as recommended by Commission Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4201 - Rhode Island LFG Genco, LLC (LFG Genco) & 3798 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard – The Commission considered LFG Genco's request that the Commission find that Order No. 20225 (issued on December 20, 2010) was effective as if there were no conditions contained in the Order and not on June 1, 2013, the month in which the Commission issued the unique certification number following the submission on June 11, 2013 by LFG Genco of the Commercial Operation Date (5/31/13) and NEPOOL GIS Asset Number as required by the December 20, 2010 Order. After review and discussion, Commissioner Bray moved to deny LFG Genco's on the basis that it has been the Commission's policy and practice since 2007, that certification of eligibility is effective upon notification of facility's Commercial Operation Date and assignment of a NEPOOL GIS Asset Number, at which time the Commission issues a unique certification number to the facility. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

As a result of the Commission's decision in Docket No. 4201, Commissioner Bray moved to re-open the rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. 3798 to solicit comments on "Whether the Commission should change its policy to allow a Generation Unit which otherwise qualifies as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource to claim that eligibility for the earliest NEPOOL GIS REC trading period still open at the time the Commission issues its Order or the Generation Unit begins delivering energy to ISO-NE, whichever is later?" Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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