

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 14, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

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.

4627 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – The docket relates to the PUC’s review of National Grid’s Request for Approval of a Gas Capacity Contract and Cost Recovery. With the filing, National Grid filed a Motion for Protective Treatment as it relates to the filing. The PUC subsequently promulgated a data request to obtain all the data requests National Grid submitted in the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MADPU) proceeding. The motion for protective treatment sought is modeled upon a MADPU proceeding. The MADPU approved a two-tier system of confidential treatment.

The PUC discussed the rules regarding the classification and treatment of confidential information as it relates to the filing. The PUC also discussed its existing rules for confidentiality. After review, the PUC ruled that it will not implement a two-tier process; it will continue to follow its current rules on confidentiality. However, all parties may continue to mark the material as confidential or highly sensitive confidential in order to be able to execute non-disclosure agreements and continue to exchange information in the case. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the motion. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion. Commissioner Gold abstained. **Vote 2-0.**

4604 – RI Office of Energy Resources – The PUC considered the Office of Energy Resources budgetary request of no more than \$125,000 to perform an economic and jobs impact study of the 2015 and 2016 Renewable Energy Growth Program years. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to grant the request by the Office of Energy Resources to enter into a contract with a vendor to perform studies as requested at an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Gold abstained. **Vote 2-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.