

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 21, 2016

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

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

4237 – National Grid – The PUC reviewed, National Grid's 2016 Contact Voltage Annual Report. The Contact Voltage Report was submitted on April 6, 2016 and was subsequently revised on May 26, 2016 and July 22, 2016. The report is filed pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-2-25(b)(6). The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommendation. Chairperson Curran noted that the filing comports with the PUC's Order and incorporates the Division's recommendation. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to 1) approve the Company's 2016 Contact Voltage Annual Report, 2) approve the Company's request to continue with a 100% survey of all contact voltage areas, and 3) approve the Company's request to continue the use of Total Harmonic Distortion. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4589A- The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid - National Grid filed on June 13, 2016 a request for approval of Certificates of Eligibility of three commercial-scale projects selected in the Company's first 2016 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program Open Enrollment Report. The Commissioners noted that the selected projects are solar projects and are below the ceiling prices. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's filing as submitted. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4622 – South County Trail Solar LLC (Company) – The Company submitted an application for certification of the Wilco 260 South County Trail Solar Generation Unit, a 0.8784 MW solar facility located in Exeter, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. The PUC's Consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review and recommending approval with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying the Commercial Operation Date. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement recommended by the Consultant. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4630 – Verizon New England d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed the Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1 (ICA) executed between Verizon Rhode Island and Emergency Networks, LLC. The ICA represents a wholesale agreement negotiated between the companies for interconnection, services or network elements. The Division filed a memorandum recommending adoption of the ICA. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the ICA as filed. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2262(Z21) – CallCatchers, Inc. d/b/a FreedomVoice Systems (Company) – The Company submitted an application for authority to transact as a Competitive Switchless Reseller of telecommunications service. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the application. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2262(A15) – Encompass Communications, LLC (Company) – The Company filed notice that it does not currently conduct business in Rhode Island and requested that its authority to transact as a provider of telecommunications service be rescinded. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the request. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.