

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 31, 2015

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco 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 Meetings held on June 15, June 30 & July 22, 2015 - After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes and Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

4536-C – The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on June 26, 2015 a proposal/application for the aggregate Renewable Energy Standard eligibility for certification of small-scale solar distributed generation projects enrolling in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. The Office of Energy Resources and the Division filed comments supporting approval of the proposal and application. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review of National Grid's application and recommending approval. As filed, National Grid seeks approval for: 1) certification as the Verifier and to report meter data for the aggregation to the NEPOOL GIS, 2) aggregation of up to 12 MW nameplate capacity of new solar renewable energy resources to be enrolled at a level of 25kW or smaller project behind-the-meter customer sites within the State of Rhode Island; and 3) form and format of subsequent quarterly aggregation updates. The PUC commended National Grid for stepping up to streamline this procedure process as the aggregator. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4277– National Grid – The PUC considered the Settlement Agreement between National Grid and WED Coventry One, LLC filed with the PUC on July 1, 2015. The Settlement Agreement resolves all disputes and claims raised by WED Coventry One in its Objection filed January 5, 2015, in connection with its eligibility for the Third 2014 Distributed Generation Enrollment. The settlement will allow the WED project to enroll in the third enrollment. Commissioner Roberti was glad to see this matter resolved and supported approval. Commissioner DeSimone supported and moved to approve the Settlement Agreement and Chairperson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. **Vote 3-0.**

4483 – Wind Energy Development, LLC & ACP Land (WED) – The PUC reviewed National Grid's final draft of a request for a Private Letter Ruling (PLR) regarding DG interconnection taxes that was filed with the PUC July 7, 2015. WED raised an objection to four points contained in the PLR. National Grid refuted the four points. After review and discussion, the PUC agreed that National Grid is the entity that drafts, files the PLR

and petitions to the IRS. National Grid is the taxpayer. The PUC cannot force National Grid to make a submittal to IRS that it does not believe is appropriate or warranted. National Grid needs to be comfortable with their submission to the IRS and needs to have the final say on the PLR. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the final draft PLR in the form that was submitted in the July 7 filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.