

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 22, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco, and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of Open Meeting held on July 27, 2017 – Commissioner Gold moved to accept the minutes. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4707 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – National Grid submitted on June 30, 2017 proposed Renewable Energy Growth (RE Growth) Program Factors and RE Growth Program Reconciliation factors for effect October 1, 2017. The filing is submitted pursuant to state law and Company’s RE Growth Cost Recovery Provision approved by the PUC in Docket No. 4676. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding the proposed RE Growth Program cost recovery factors are correctly calculated and are in accordance with the statute and the approved tariff. The Division recommended approval. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grid’s filing. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC will continue to review both, tariffs and relevant legislation, to assure that the tariffs are consistent with legislative policy and each other.

4709 – National Grid - National Grid submitted on August 1, 2017 proposed Pension and Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOP) Adjustment Factor (PAF) and annual pension and PBOP reconciliation for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2017. The filing is submitted pursuant to the Company’s Pension Adjustment Mechanism Provision approved by the PUC in Docket No. 4323. The Pension Provision allows for the recovery or refund of the prior year’s reconciliation of the Company’s actual pension and PBOP expenses to the Company’s pension and PBOP allowances included in base rates. The Division filed a memorandum and recommended approval of the Company’s PAF for effect October 1, 2017. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grid’s filing. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4592 - National Grid - National Grid submitted on August 1, 2017 proposed FY 2017 Annual Reconciliation and associated Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) factors for effect October 1, 2017. The filing is submitted pursuant to the FY 2017 Electric ISR Plan and ISR Provision approved by the PUC in this docket. The Division submitted a memorandum indicating that it has reviewed the filing for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the filed revenue requirement associated with the actual FY 2017 activity under the ISR programs. The Division found that National Grid’s filing accurately portrays the actual ISR

revenue requirement associated with the FY 2017 electric ISR programs. Chairperson Curran noted that there was a question regarding property tax recovery that was addressed by the Company in its September 21, 2107 data response to the Division's data request. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Company's proposed ISR factors. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Eligibility Applications Dockets

The following applications for eligibility as a renewable energy resource were submitted for review and approval. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review of the applications and recommended that eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Companies provide the Commission with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and provide evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number.

- **4711 – Danielson Pike Solar, LLC** application for eligibility certification of the Danielson Solar, LLC generation unit, 0.950 MW solar facility located in Foster, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **4712 – Portsmouth Solar, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Portsmouth Solar, LLC generation unit, 1.97 MW solar facility located in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **4713 – Southern Sky Renewable Energy Rhode Island, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Southern Sky Renewable Energy Rhode Island, LLC generation unit, 0.24964 MW solar facility located in Glocester, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **4714 – Sandberg Machine Solar, LLC** – Review and rule on Sandberg Machine Solar, LLC's application for eligibility certification of the Sandberg Machine Solar LLC generation unit, 0.2499 MW solar facility located in Mapleville, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the applications for eligibility with the conditional requirements recommended by the PUC Consultant, GDS Associates. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4715 – Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted an Interconnection Agreement (ICA) executed between Verizon RI and Comcast Phone of Rhode Island, LLC on August 11, 2017. The ICA represents a wholesale agreement negotiated between the companies for interconnection, services, or network elements. The Division recommended adoption of the ICA. Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Interconnection Connection Agreement as submitted. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2262(L4) – TTI National, Inc. – TTI National filed a notice that it will ceased operations effective November 1 2017 and requested to cancel its authority to operate as carrier of telecommunication service in Rhode Island. Commissioner Gold moved to rescind and recall the authority of TTI National. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.