

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 30, 2013

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Dillip Shah and Luly Massaro. Staff Patricia Lucarelli and Nick Ucci were not present.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 10:00.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

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

- 2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 9/10/13)
- 2262(P20) – First Communications, LLC (tariff filing 9/17/13)
- 2262(P16) – Legacy Long Distance International, Inc. (tariff filing 9/9/13)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 9/11/13)

After review, Commissioner Roberti moved that the tariff filings go into effect without suspension. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2262(Y20) – Silv Communication, Inc. - The company filed notice that it will cease offering telecommunications services, it has no customers in the state and requested withdrawal of its authority to do business in RI. The Division recommended that the authority be recalled and rescinded. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to recall and rescind the authority of Silv Communications. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Generation Units

The following renewable energy resources applications were submitted for approval. PUC Consultant submitted a review and recommendation to approve the applications filed by:

- 4430 – Altus Power Funds RI I, LLC - Application seeking certification for its Comtram Cable Plant Generation Unit, a 0.49838 MW solar energy generation unit located in Cumberland, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource.
- 4423 - Indeck Energy-Alexandria, LLC - Application seeking certification for its Pemigwas-Indeck Alexandria Generation Unit, a 15.2 MW Eligible Biomass energy Generation Unit located in Alexandria, New Hampshire as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource.

After review and discussion, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the applications for certification of the Generation Units as New Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following applicants filed a request for approval to increase nameplate capacity of the respective generation unit facilities. PUC Consultant submitted a review and recommendation to approve the requests by:

- 3785 – Innovative Energy Systems LLC – Request for approval of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) Generation Unit’s nameplate capacity increase from a 4.8 MW to 6.4 MW biomass (landfill methane gas) energy.
- 3947 – Casella Waste System LLC - Request for approval of the Clinton Generation Unit’s nameplate capacity increase from a 4.8 MW to 6.4 MW biomass (landfill methane gas) energy.

After review and discussion, Commissioner DeSimone moved to issue an order granting the applicant’s request and recognizing the increase capacity to the generation facilities. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

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The following generation facilities are affected by the PUC’s recent change in policy set forth in Order No. 21165 issued on September 26, 2013 (in Docket No. 3798). Action is necessitated prior to the scheduled minting of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and trading that commences on October 15, 2013. It is moved that the PUC considered amending the effective dates of the following renewable energy facilities previously certified by the PUC as eligible renewable energy resources under the PUC’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES):

- 4376 – Narragansett Bay Commission Field’s Point Wind Turbine – Amend effective date of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) minted on or after May 10, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4403 – Camelot Wind, LLC - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after May 10, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4370 – Highgate Falls Unit #5 - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after June 13, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4400 – Newport Hydro - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after June 28, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4409 – West Greenwich Solar - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 26, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4413 – Highgate Falls - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 26, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4415 – Enosburg Hydro - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 26, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4416 – Barton Hydro - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 26, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4395 – North Hartland Bypass Flow Turbine - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 26, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4340 – Covanta West Field - Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after August 22, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.

- 4418 – Wyre Wynd Hydroelectric Project – Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after August 22, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4414 – ACP Solar I – Amend effective date of RECs minted on or after July 24, 2013 provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.
- 4420 – CMS Solar - Amend the conditional order so that eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with written documentation verifying the first date of production of eligible energy, and that the Company provide the Generation Unit’s NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number when assigned by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation. Also, amend the effective date so eligible energy minted on or after the date of PUC staff’s letter, will be eligible for the Rhode Island RES provided that the trading period for such RECs has not yet closed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Roberti moved to expand the eligibility date of the above (13) generation facilities consistent with the PUC’s policy change in Order No. 21165. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.