
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 4, 2012

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault Nicholas Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on September 26, 2012: Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

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

- 2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 9/24/12)
- 4225 – Windstream NuVox (tariff filing 9/24/2)
- 4210 – WiMacTel, Inc. (tariff filing 9/24/12)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3569 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board ("PWSB") – PWSB filed on June 21, 2012 a Petition for Waiver of the Rules Governing the Acceptance of Credit Cards by Utility Companies. Specifically, PWSB seeks a waiver from the rule that prohibits the utility from passing on the costs associated with credit card payments to the entire customer base. The Division filed a letter summarizing their review and recommending approval of PWSB's petition. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve PWSB's petition. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4288 & 4277 – Office of Energy Resources ("OER") – OER filed on September 20, 2012 a Motion for Relief From Order No. 20676 so as to permit OER to reallocate the remaining 5 MW from the 2012 Distributed Generation ("DG") Standard Contracts program into the 2013 program, and a Motion for Extension of Time of the October 15, 2012 deadline to file recommended standard contract ceiling prices and annual targets for each renewable energy class of DG facility as required by RIGL 39-26.2-5. OER seeks an extension of up to and including 45 days to make its filing. National Grid filed a letter supporting OER's motions. No objection was filed. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve OER's motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4237 – Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid ("NGrid") – The Commission reviewed the record relating to National Grids' August 16, 2012 Proposed Contact Service Voltage

Program. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve National Grid's October 2, 2012 Revised Contact Voltage Proposal with one amendment. Because National Grid will need to reissue the RFP to include the pilot program related to the THD, National Grid is required to seek alternative pricing based on the acceleration of the testing schedule.

Commissioner moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4348 – Exeter Agri-Energy (“Applicant”) – The applicant submitted an application seeking certification for its Exeter Agri-Energy Generation Unit, a 0.98MW Biogas energy Generation Unit located in Exeter, ME, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application and certify the Exeter Agri-Energy Generation Unit as a New, Eligible Biomass Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4349 – Ipswich Municipal Light Department (“Applicant”) – The applicant filed an application seeking certification for its Ipswich Wind 1 Generation Unit, a 1.6MW Wind energy Generation Unit located in Ipswich, MA, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. . After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application and certify the Ipswich Wind 1 Generation Unit as a New, Wind Biomass Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.