

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 9, 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 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present

Minutes of Open Meeting held on October 13, 2017 – Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Minutes of Open Meeting held on October 31, 2017. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the minutes and Chairperson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4604 – RI Office of Energy Resources (OER) –OER submitted on July 25, 2017 a budget request in the amount of \$145,000 to perform a Study of Renewable Energy Installation Quality in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. The request is made pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-4(b). The Division submitted comments finding OER's request to be a worthwhile project and a prudent expense given the size of the Renewable Energy Growth Program.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve OER's current request to fund another Cadmus Report, Study of Renewable Energy Installation Quality in the Renewable Energy Growth Program, with the recommendation that 1) OER shall file the resulting report in this docket and provide it to the service list; 2) OER should attach to the resulting report, a section indicating for each recommendation whether the office will or will not adopt the recommendation, and include an explanation; 3) OER shall include an implementation plan for each recommendation that it intends to implement; and 4) OER shall file a copy of the April 2017 Cadmus Report with the PUC in this docket. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4237 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on July 28, 2017 its 2017 Contact Voltage Report pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-2-25 and PUC Order No. 20950 in Docket 4237. The Division's Consultant, Mr. Gregory Booth, filed a letter summarizing his review of the report and finding that it meets the requirements set forth in §39-2-25(b)(6), while also incorporating all previous recommendations of the Division and multiple PUC Orders incorporating program additions and enhancements.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Gold moved to accept National Grid's 2017 Contact Voltage Report dated July 28, 2017 and its recommendations with the condition

that National Grid reach out to the municipalities with designated contact voltage risk areas to determine whether those municipalities that own their own streetlights will accept the same transition plan proposed to and accepted by the City of Providence. National Grid shall report back to the PUC on their findings in three months. Commissioner Gold further moved to find that National Grid's 2017 Contact Voltage Report meets the requirements set forth in the statute. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4672 - National Grid – This docket relates to National Grid's Renewable Energy Growth (RE Growth) Program. At this November 9, 29107 Open Meeting, the PUC further considered its decision made at the October 13, 2017 Open Meeting relating to the timing of Renewable Energy Growth Program budgets.

Commissioner Anthony moved to require National Grid on or before December 15, 2017 to submit a proposed budget for the 2018 RE Growth Program and require that the budget format be the same format as the budget submitted with the Company's RE Growth Reconciliation and Factor filing in June 2018. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Eligibility Applications Dockets – The PUC reviewed and rule on the following eligibility applications:

- **4744 – Charlotte Solar, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Charlotte Hinesburg Road Project generation unit, a 2.2 MW solar facility located in Charlotte, Vermont as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum recommending approval. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- **4746 – Helix Maine Wind Development, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Kibby Wind Power generation unit, a 132 MW solar facility located in Kibby Mountain, Franklin County, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum recommending approval. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- **4747 – Canton Mountain Wind, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Canton Mountain Wind, LLC generation unit, a 22.8 MW solar facility located in Canton, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum recommending eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and provide evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Gold moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement recommended by the PUC Consultant. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.