## **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

## **Public Utilities Commission**

## Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 21, 2017

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

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

**1725** – Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Utility Service – The PUC considered The George Wiley Center's October 24, 2017 request to amend the down payments and terms to allow customers to restore service and the comments submitted in response thereto. Noting that adoption of emergency rules is no longer permissible as it has been in the past, the PUC relied on R.I. Gen. Laws §39-1-32(a) to make a determination to issue an order immediately. Chairperson Curran moved to adopt the same down payment plans adopted last year with the dates changed to be effective November 21, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

**4605** – **The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – National Grid submitted on October 13, 2017 proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the months of January 2018 through March 2018. The filing was submitted pursuant to the 2016 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan (Plan) approved by the PUC on June 27, 2016 in this docket. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding National Grid's filing in compliance with the Plan approved by the PUC in Order No. 22677 issued in this docket. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the months of January 2018 through March 2018. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

4685 - National Grid – National Grid submitted on October 17, 2017 a Supplemental Filing to provide an updated Agreement for Customer-Owned Street and Area Lighting Attachments (Attachment Agreement) necessary to comply with the PUC's May 25, 2017 Open Meeting decision in this docket. At the May 25, 2017 Open Meeting, the PUC approved National Grid's filing to amend the Company's Street and Area Lighting – Customer Owned Equipment S-05 tariff, RIPUC No. 2142 (the Tariff), to make the Tariff available to the following: any municipal city or town, any fire district, any regional school district, any municipal water utility board, Kent County Water Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, Quonset Development Corporation, Rhode Island Airport Corporation, Narragansett Bay Commission, and the State of Rhode Island (collectively, the Customers). The Attachment Agreement incorporates minor technical changes that are required to properly identify the Customers. The Division filed correspondence finding National Grid's proposed changes appropriate and in compliance with the PUC's May 25 Open Meeting directive. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to accept the updated

Agreement for Customer-Owned Street and Area Lighting Attachments. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

**2262(S1)** – **Residential Long Distance, Inc. (Company)** - The Company filed a request to cancel its authority to operate as carrier of telecommunication service in Rhode Island. Commissioner Gold moved to rescind the authority of the Company. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

## Renewable Energy Eligibility Applications Dockets

The following Companies submitted applications for eligibility as renewable energy resources. PUC Consultant filed memorandum recommending eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Companies provide the Commission with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and provide evidence of their Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Numbers:

- 4735 Gooding Business Space, LLC's application for eligibility certification of the 15 Gooding Ave Solar generation unit, a 0.200778 MW solar facility located in Bristol, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- 4736 Pittsfield Solar LLC's application for eligibility certification of the Pittsfield Solar LLC generation unit, a 9.9 MW solar facility located in Pittsfield, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- 4745 Sam Man Realty Corp.'s application for eligibility certification of the Sam Man Realty Solar generation unit, a 0.9984 MW solar facility located in North Smithfield, 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. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

The following Company submitted an application for eligibility. PUC Consultant recommended approval of the application as submitted by:

• 4748 – Coventry Photovoltaic, LLC's application for eligibility certification of the Cross Pollination One Solar generation unit, a 2.2 MW solar facility located in Coventry, Vermont as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the application for eligibility as submitted. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** 

The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.