

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 29, 2016

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

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of Open Meeting held on October 31, 2016 and November 17, 2016 - – Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

4556 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on October 10, 2016, proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Industrial Group for the months of January 2017 through March 2017. The filing is submitted in compliance with the Company's Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan which was approved by the PUC in this docket. The Division submitted a memorandum summarizing its review and finding the filing is in compliance with PUC's orders. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the proposed Standard Offer Service as submitted. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4290 – RI Department of Human Services – The PUC reviewed the record regarding the Department of Human Services (DHS) proposal to implement a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Enhancement Plan and Enhancement Charge of 83¢ for each class of electric and natural gas distribution customers for the calendar year 2017. The PUC also considered National Grid's amendment to the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision which relates to the DHS's LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Charge in this docket.

According to National Grid's calculation, a charge of 83¢ will collect an excess of \$7.5 million. This amount is in excess of the amount set by the statute. The Division filed a recommendation to reduce the charge to 81¢ which will collect below the \$7.5 million. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the proposed adjustment to the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan and Enhancement Charge as modified by the Division's recommendation. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and a LIHEAP charge of 81¢ is approved. **Vote 3-0.** Chairperson Curran moved to approve National Grid's LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Provision and instructed National Grid to file a compliance filing reflecting a LIHEAP charge of \$0.81 for calendar year 2017. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold noted that while the matter before us address the LIHEAP charge, she wants to get a sense of the overall effectiveness of the program, evaluate of how the funds are expended and making sure the funds are used effectively.

Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Applications Dockets – Review and rule on the eligibility applications as submitted in the following dockets by:

- 4639 – WED Portsmouth One, LLC’s application for certification of the WED Portsmouth One, LLC facility, a 1.5 MW wind generation unit located in Portsmouth, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review of the application and PUC Consultant’s recommendation, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application of as submitted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4653 – Hancock Wind, LLC’s application for certification of the Hancock Wind facility, a 51 MW wind generation unit located in Township 16, Hancock County, Maine, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review of the application and PUC Consultant’s recommendation, Commissioner DeSimone moved that eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide written documentation verifying Commercial Operation. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4658 – Carbide Realty, LLC’s application for certification of the Carbide Realty LLC facility, a 0.24948 MW solar generation unit located in Smithfield, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review of the application and PUC Consultant’s recommendation. Commissioner DeSimone moved that eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with confirmation of the NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number and written documentation verifying Commercial Operation. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4659 – David Celani’s application for certification of the Tanglewood Farm LLC facility, a 0.24948 MW wind generation unit located in Glocester, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review of the application and PUC Consultant’s recommendation. Commissioner DeSimone moved that eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with confirmation of the NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number and written documentation verifying Commercial Operation. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4660 – Kopeski Solar, LLC’s application for certification of the Kopeski Solar LLC facility, a 0.24948 MW solar generation unit located in Glocester, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review of the application and PUC Consultant’s recommendation. Commissioner DeSimone moved that eligibility be granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with confirmation of the NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number and written documentation verifying Commercial Operation. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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