

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held December 13, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Patricia Lucarelli, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Sharon Colby Camara, 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. A quorum was present.

4600 – Investigation Into Issues Related to the Changing Electric Distribution System - The PUC received an update from its consultant about the status of the progress made in this docket.

4677 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC – The PUC reviewed Cox’s November 22, 2016 request for a waiver of the denial by the Number Pooling Administration to release certain blocks of numbers for use by a Cox’s commercial customer. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to grant the request for a waiver. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4652 – Igus Bearings, Inc. – The PUC reviewed the petition filed by Igus Bearings, Inc. to establish a private at-grade crossing over the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company’s East Providence running track. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the petition, including the revised design plan (as submitted on November 30, 2016) and as reviewed by Division’s consultant. Further, that Igus shall notify the PUC of any changes in the use of the at-grade railroad crossing. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4664 – Pascoag Utility District – There was no discussion of this docket because the PUC rendered a bench order at the December 12, 2016 hearing. This docket relates to Pascoag’s Annual Reconciliation Filing of the standard offer service rate, transmission charge and transition charge.

4663 – Pascoag Utility District – The PUC reviewed Pascoag’s November 4, 2016 Demand Side Management Program plan for the calendar year 2017 with an overall budget of \$151,633 to implement energy efficiency programs targeted at different classes for residential, commercial and industrial customers. The Division filed a recommendation to approve the filing as submitted. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Demand Side Management plan submitted by Pascoag with the exception that CFLs no longer qualify for rebates (due to stringent energy efficiency standards that had gone into effect). Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Carriers

- 2262(A7) - Net One International, Inc. filed a request to cancel its authority. Chairperson Curran moved to cancel and rescind the authority of Net One International. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. **Vote 2-0.**
- 2262(K17) – Telecom North America, Inc. failed to pay their annual assessment dues. The Division filed memorandum recommending that the company’s authority be cancelled and rescinded for non-payment of annual registration fee. Chairperson Curran moved to rescind the authority of Telecom North America without prejudice. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. **Vote 2-0.**

Eagle 1 Resources, LLC (Company) – There was no discussion regarding this matter. This matter relates to Company’s request to initiate a rulemaking to establish compensation and conditions for public utility facilities within a railroad right-of way in cases where the utility and railroad cannot agree.

4669 - Smart Energy Holdings, LLC (Company) –The Company submitted an application for certification of the Smart Energy Holdings – 701 East Ave., Warwick facility, a 248.5 KW DC solar generation unit located in Warwick, Rhode Island. After review of the application and PUC’s consultant recommendation, Chairperson Curran approved the application with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying commercial operation date and evidence of the generation unit’s NEPOOL-GIS asset identification number. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M.