

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on August 9, 2018

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate and/or vote on the following dockets.

Present: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Maggie Hogan, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:17 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 4684 – RI Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council (EERMC)** – This docket relates to the PUC’s review of the EERMC’s proposed revisions to the Least Cost Procurement (LCP) Standards. The PUC clarified on the timeframe for implementation of the revisions to the LCP Standards. The Commission addressed letters received from the parties in response to the PUC’s directive that the LCP Standards utilize Docket 4600 benefit/cost framework to determine the definition of “less than the cost of supply”. The theme of the letters was to express a concern that there had been insufficient engagement by stakeholders to discuss the applicability of the framework in Docket 4600 to determine the cost of supply. The PUC invited parties to seek clarification regarding any concern they may have with timing of implementation or any specific comments to the language proposed by the PUC. No votes were taken.
- III. **Docket No. 3476 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC considered National Grid’s June 22, 2018 request for relief from a penalty under the Gas Service Quality Plan because of an exogenous and/or force majeure event. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to grant the request for relief based on an exogenous event on October 29-30, 2017. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4838 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag Utility District submitted on June 25, 2018, a proposed tariff Arrearage Management Program (AMP) Provision. The tariff was submitted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-2-1 and 39-1-27.12. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the request to add this provision to Pascoag Utility's tariff. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4849 – Block Island Power Co. (BIPCo)** – BIPCo submitted on July 16, 2018, a proposed tariff Waiver of Credit Card/Debit Card/E-Check Payment Provision for effect August 15, 2018. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to accept BIPCo's tariff proposal. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VI. Docket No. 4373 and Docket No. 4792 – Interstate Navigation Co. (Interstate) –** The PUC considered the August 2, 2018 Settlement Agreement on Return on Equity executed between Interstate and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. The Settlement Agreement addresses Interstate earnings sharing and tax effects of fiscal year 2018 resulting from the 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. Renewable Energy Eligibility Application Dockets –** The PUC deliberated on eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the applications with the PUC consultant's recommendations. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- a. **Docket No. 4799 – Richmond Solar Power I, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Richmond Solar Power 1, LLC's generation unit, a 0.684 MW AC (0.750 MW DC) solar facility located in Richmond, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - b. **Docket No. 4839 – Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI-Peck Hill 250kW, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI-Peck Hill 250kW, LLC generation unit, a 0.198 MW AC (0.2496 MW DC) solar facility located in Johnston, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - c. **Docket No. 4840 – Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC - Arcadia Road generation unit, a 0.154 MW AC (0.2062 MW DC) solar facility located in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - d. **Docket No. 4841 – Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC - Cranberry Ridge generation unit, a 0.840 MW AC (0.998 MW DC) solar facility located in Glocester, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - e. **Docket No. 4842 – Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC – North Road generation unit, a 0.216 MW AC (0.2488 MW DC) solar facility located in Richmond, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - f. **Docket No. 4843 – Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC – West Shannock generation unit, a 0.216 MW AC (0.2488 MW DC) solar facility located in Richmond, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - g. **Docket No. 4844 – Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Captona Partners Solar III Finco LLC – Tomaquag generation unit, a 0.216 MW AC (0.2488 MW DC) solar facility located in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource

VIII. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran moved to adjourned the Open Meeting at 10:43 A.M.