

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on March 19, 2019

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 2:00 P.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, Margaret Hogan, John Harrington, Todd Bianco, Alan Nault, Emma Rodvien and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 2:12 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Minutes of Open Meeting held on March 1, 2019** – Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion. Approval of the minutes unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 4890 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)** – The Providence Apartment Association submitted a motion to intervene as a party in this docket. NBC's filed an objection. After consideration, Chairperson Curran moved to grant intervention with the conditional requirement that the organization verify that its attorney is authorized to represent the organization pursuant to Rule 1.5. Further noting that the organization must act through the attorney and that despite the late intervention, the docket should not be expanded. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4916 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – Commissioner Anthony and Commissioner Gold reviewed the record relating to National Grid's proposed Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) Plan for FY 2020 submitted on December 20, 2018 and revised on March 4, 2019. Chairperson Curran did not participate in the discussion of this docket as she recused herself from this docket.

After review, the following motions were made:

- a. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grid's 2020 Gas ISR budget as revised on March 4, 2019 and March 6, 2019 with limitation. Regarding the Southern RI Gas Expansion Project, the investment and proposed budget shall be subject to a prudence review of implementation of those investments at the end of the multi-year project. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- b. Commissioner Gold moved that Company shall develop, maintain and provide to the Division, the global list of all aging leak prone infrastructure risks ranked in its overall replacement program. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- c. Commissioner Gold moved that the Company shall identify and develop a comprehensive risk-based list of its isolated services and commit to replacing all these services within a seven-year period, starting in FY2021. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - d. Commissioner Gold moved that the Company shall provided the Division with int Excel spreadsheets associated with this filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - e. Commissioner Gold moved that the Company shall provide the Division with its Excel spreadsheets associated with each future Gas ISR filing, as part of its annual filing requirement. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - f. Commissioner Gold moved that the Company shall provide the Division with cost information and data of such enough detail to satisfy the Division as to the reasonableness of the cost estimates of the various components of the Southern RI Gas Expansion Project and to update the Division on these costs on a regular basis throughout the project, at no less than 90-day intervals. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4915 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record relating to National Grid’s proposed Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for FY 2020 submitted on December 21, 2018 and revised March 1, 2019. After review, the following motions were made:
- a. Chairperson Curran moved to approve National Grid’s revised revenue requirements submitted and adopt all of Mr. Booth’s recommendations. Commission Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - b. Commissioner Anthony moved to require National Grid to complete all remaining area studies prior to filing the FY 2023 electric ISR Plan (as recommended by Mr. Booth). Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. **Docket No. 4930 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record regarding National Grid Retail Rate Filing on February 25, 2019. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grid’s filing and Schedule REP-1. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. **Docket No. 4809 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record regarding National Grid proposed Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Charge of \$0.00063 per kWh and Reconciliation Filing. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve National Grid’s proposal with the changes recommended by the Division that National Grid, for presentation purposes, remove lines (1) through (3) on Attachment 2, Page 1, in future submissions of the RES Charge and Reconciliation Filing. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VIII. The following Renewable Energy Resource eligibility applications were reviewed and ruled upon:

- a. **Docket No. 4921 – Oak Square Development LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Palmer Circle Solar Two generation unit, a 0.816 MW AC (0.997 MW DC) solar facility located in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairperson Curran moved to follow the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve the application subject to the requirement that the applicant submit documentation verifying commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS Id number. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- b. **Docket No. 4922 - Oak Square Development LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Church Street Solar generation unit, a 0.180 MW AC (0.25 MW DC) solar facility located in Richmond, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairperson Curran moved to follow the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve the application subject to the requirement that the applicant submit documentation verifying commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS Id number. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- c. **Docket No. 4926 – MartinBrookPV LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Martinbrook PV generation unit, a 1.4850 MW AC (2.44 MW DC) solar facility located in Williamstown, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairperson Curran moved to follow the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- d. **Docket No. 4918 – Coolidge Solar I, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Coolidge Solar I, LLC generation unit, a 19.59 MW AC solar facility located in Ludlow, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairperson Curran moved to follow the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

IX. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran adjourned the Open Meeting by acclamation at 2:41 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.