

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on November 5, 2019

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 2:30 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, Todd Bianco, Alan Nault, and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings held on October 25, 2019, August 8, 2019 and August 28, 2019. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 4944 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)** - This docket relates to NBC’s petition to establish a private at-grade crossing. The parties reached an agreement and NBC submitted a revised plan to conform with the terms of the October 23, 2019 Amended Memorandum from Pare Corporation, consultant to the Division. The Division supported approval of the revised plan subject to some conditions. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve NBC’s petition to establish the railroad crossing subject to the following terms and conditions: 1) that the Division and its consultant, Pare Corporation, review the railroad crossing while it is constructed and 2) that the Division and Pare confirm that the constructed railroad crossing conforms to the Revised Memorandum, as amended. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Application Dockets:**

Docket No. 4858 – Kearsarge GB LLC’s application for eligibility certification of the Kearsarge GB generation unit, a 1.44 MW AC solar facility located in Barrington, Massachusetts as a New Renewable Energy Resource; and

Docket No. 4891 – Kearsarge Uxbridge LLC’s application for eligibility certification of the Kearsarge Uxbridge generation unit, a 1.416 MW AC solar facility located in Uxbridge, Massachusetts as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

The PUC considered Docket Nos. 4858 and 4891 together. Both facilities are participating in virtual net metering arrangement for Massachusetts-based off-takers. PUC consultant reviewed the eligibility applications and recommended approval. After review of applicable statutes and provisions, Chairperson Curran moved that approval be denied because the Kearsarge GB LLC and Kearsarge Uxbridge

facilities do not meet the eligibility requirement because they are a net metering facility located outside of Rhode Island. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 4967 – Target Corporation’s application for eligibility certification of the Target Store T1404 generation unit, a 0.462 MW AC solar facility located in Smithfield, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource; and

Docket No. 4966 – SolarSense VT X’s application for eligibility certification of the Trombley Hill Solar generation unit, a 0.855 MW AC (1.267 MW DC) solar facility located in Morrisville, Vermont as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

The PUC considered Docket Nos. 4967 and 4966 together. PUC consultant reviewed the eligibility applications and recommended approval. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 4910-A University Solar LLC’s applications for eligibility certification for the University Solar, LLC Field Segment 1 generation unit, an 8 MW AC solar facility located in West Greenwich, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource; and

Docket No. 4910-B University Solar LLC’s applications for eligibility certification for the University Solar, LLC Field Segment 2 generation unit, an 8 MW AC solar facility located in West Greenwich, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource; and

Docket No. 4910-C University Solar LLC’s applications for eligibility certification for the University Solar, LLC Field Segment 3 generation unit, an 8 MW AC solar facility located in West Greenwich, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

The PUC considered the above three University Solar LLC dockets together. PUC consultant recommended conditional approval subject to applicants submitting documentation verifying commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS numbers. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to conditionally approve eligibility as recommended by PUC consultant. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

V. **Supplier of Telecommunications Service Dockets:**

Docket No. 4977 – Ready Wireless LLC applied for registration to provide telecommunication services. The Division recommended approval. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 2262(Z21) – CallCatchers, Inc. d/b/a Freedom Voice Systems submitted a request to voluntarily cancel its registration to provide services. Chairperson Curran moved to grant the request. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies failed to remit their annual assessment dues. The Division filed memorandum recommending that the companies' authority be cancelled and rescinded for non-payment of annual registration fee.

Docket No. 4516 – Vitcom, LLC

Docket No. 3879 – Jaroth, Inc.

Docket No. 4429 – Transbeam, Inc.

Docket No. 2262(T21) – US Telecom Long Distance, Inc.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to recall and rescind the authority of the companies. Shall a company come into compliance with regulations and requirements within thirty days, the company's authority may be reinstated automatically. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VI. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran moved to adjourn the Open Meeting at 2:45 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.