

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on April 30, 2019

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, April 30, 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, 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. **The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** - National Grid submitted a request for an extension of time to May 24, 2019, to file the Company's annual electric Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) reconciliation for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2019. Chairperson Curran moved to grant the request and Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 4621 – Rhode Island Dept. of Transportation and SeaStreak LLC (Applicants)** – The Applicants, who run and operate the ferry, submitted proposed 2019 season fares of the Providence to Newport Ferry. The ferry season will run from May 24, 2019 through October 14, 2019. The proposed rates represent a rate increase of \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for children. The Division submitted a memorandum summarizing its review and recommendation. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the proposed fares and waive further investigation and public hearing as the ferry service is discretionary and does not constitute lifeline ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4931 – Communications Ventures Corp. d/b/a INdigital (Company)** – The Company applied for registration to operate as a provider of telecommunications service. The Division submitted a memorandum recommending approval. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the registration. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. Renewable Energy Resource eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets.
 - a. **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 Great Barrington, Massachusetts, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Discussion of this docket was postponed.

- b. **Docket No. 4912 – Peter Jencks’s** application for eligibility certification of the Peter Jencks, 9 Peter Road, Bristol, RI generation unit, a 0.04116 MW AC solar facility located in Bristol, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant’s memorandum recommended conditional approval subject to the requirement that the applicant submit documentation verifying commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS Id number. Chairperson Curran moved to follow the PUC Consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve the application. Commissioner Anthony and 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 2:38 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.