
State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 18, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 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.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Todd Bianco, Rudy Falcone, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony and Patricia Lucarelli.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. Minutes of Open Meeting held January 22, 2021 - Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 5081 – VCP, LLC (Company)** - The Company applied for eligibility of the VCP Branch Ave RI, LLC generation unit, a .29 MW AC (.41 MW DC) solar facility located in Providence, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to conditionally approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Voted 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 5086 – Burrillville Solar, LLC (Company)** - The Company applied for eligibility of the Burrillville Solar LLC 2.340 MW generation unit, a 2.340 MW AC (2.99592 MW DC) solar facility located in Burrillville, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Voted 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 5087 – Burrillville Solar, LLC (Company)** - The Company applied for eligibility of the Burrillville Solar LLC 0.96 MW generation unit, a 0.96 MW AC (1.18260 MW DC) solar facility located in Burrillville, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant's recommendation to approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Voted 3-0.**
- VI. **Docket No. 5079 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – This docket relates to the PUC's review of National Grid's October 30, 2020 revisions to the Distribution Adjustment Clause (DAC) Provision of the company's gas tariff, Section 3.2, Advanced Gas Technology (AGT) Factor.

On February 11, 2021, the PUC voted on the Company's tariff. The PUC did not rule on the Company's Motion for Protective Treatment of attachments to data response PUC 1-1-2 and 1-1-3. At this Open Meeting, the PUC considered the motion. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to grant the motion for protective treatment as requested. Commissioner Anthony second the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Voted 3-0.**

VII. **Docket No. 5088 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and RI Distributed Generation (DG Board)** – This docket relates to the proposals by The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth) submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq. National Grid proposed modifications to the Company's RE Growth Program and Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules. The DG Board proposed ceiling prices, renewable energy growth classes and capacity targets for the 2021 RE Growth Program year. After discussion and reviewed the record, the PUC ruled as follows:

- (a) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to find that the proposed renewable energy growth classes are consistent with the Renewable Energy Growth law. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (b) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the revised ceiling prices filed on January 8, 2021. This reflects the continuation of the ITC and PTC in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 which the DG Board and OER recommended approval. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (c) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve continuation of the carport pilot with the modifications proposed by National Grid and OER in their joint response to record request 3 and in response to record request 9, but not approve the expansion of the pilot to the medium class. The additions include the interconnection cost language providing documentation of final costs and clarifying that the tariff should include language that these two items are applicable to carports enrolled in the Renewable Energy program on or after April 1, 2021. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. Commissioner Anthony opposed. **Vote 2-1.**
- (d) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to reject the LMI adder proposal to enroll low-income customers in the CRDG program. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (e) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to maintain the MW allocation for the CRDG classes at 2020 level and to reallocate the difference (4 MW) to the non-CRDG classes (commercial solar and large solar classes). Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (f) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the National Grid's tariff as modified by other decisions made at this meeting. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (g) Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the National Grid's enrollment rules as modified by other decisions made at this meeting. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

I. Chairman Gerwatowski adjourned the Open Meeting at 11:00 A.M.