

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 23, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following docket.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Todd Bianco and Rudy Falcone. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner and Abigail Anthony.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 5088 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and RI Distributed Generation (DG Board)** – This docket relates to the Commission’s review of 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 2121 RE Growth Program year.

On February 18, 2021, the Commission approved a total allocation of 12.0 MW to the commercial solar class for the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program Year. In his testimony in this docket, Division witness Brennan recommended “the Commission order that the allocations to the commercial class include allocation of 2/3 capacity set aside for the entire class be earmarked for the high end, 750kW to 999kW end of the range.” At the hearing, the Office of Energy Resources (OER) agreed to that recommendation. The Commission did not rule on this issue. At this open meeting, the Commission reviewed the record on this proposal. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski move to adopt the Division’s recommendation that the overall MW allocation of the commercial class be divided with 2/3 of the overall MW allocation going to the higher end of the bifurcating class 750kW to 999kW. The resulting allocations is a follow: 250kW to 749 kW will be 4 MW, 750kW to 999kW will be 8 MW, for a total of 12 MW. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. There being no further to discuss, the Open Meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.