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## Public Utilities Commission

### Minutes of Open Meeting Held on July 23, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 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, Todd Bianco, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, John Harrington and Alan Nault. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Margaret Hogan and Luly Massaro.

I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. A quorum was present.

II. **Docket No. 5041 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – National Grid filed a petition to revise its 2017 and 2018 Renewable Energy Standards (RES) compliance filings made in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-4 and 810-RICR-40-05-2.8 to correct certain errors that resulted in over-reporting of renewable energy certificates in those years. The PUC discussed the proper process for consideration of National Grid's Renewable Energy Standard compliance. The Chairman noted the Commission has an obligation to address the company's RES compliance and investigate the facts. After it investigates the facts, it can draw a conclusion what the impact is on ratepayers. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to dismiss the petition without prejudice in order to investigate the RES compliance filing for 2017 and 2018 related to National Grid. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

III. **Docket No. 5032 – TruConnect Communications, LLC** – TruConnect Communications applied for registration to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Company sought protective treatment of confidential information included with the registration as Exhibit 2, financial statements. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the company's request for protective treatment of financial statements finding that they are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 38-2.2(a)(2). Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to grant TruConnect Communications' application to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The company has complied with all the filing requirements. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

IV. **Docket No. 5033 – TruConnect Communications, LLC** – On May 15,2020, TruConnect Communications filed a Petition for Designation as an Eligible

Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of Rhode. TruConnect sought ETC designation solely to provide Lifeline service to qualifying Rhode Island consumers. After consideration the following motions were made:

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to find that TruConnect has complied with the statutory and regulatory filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve TruConnect's Petition for ETC Designation solely for the purpose of providing lifeline service to Rhode Island customers. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 5027 – NuGen Capital Management LLC & NuGen Manager, LLC (Applicant)** – The Applicant applied for eligibility certification of the NuGen Solar, LLC generation unit, a 0.180 MW AC solar facility located in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairperson Gerwatowski moved to accept the Commission's consultant recommendation to grant conditional eligibility subject to the requirement provide documentation verifying commercial operation date when achieved. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0**
  
- VI. **Docket No. 4994 – Providence Water Supply Board** – This docket relates to the PUCs review of Providence Water Supply Board's application for approval to implement a multi-year rate plan through a three-step rate increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. The Commission openly discussed outstanding issues relating to revenue requirements, allocated cost of service study and wholesale rate. No votes were taken.
  
- VII. There being no further business to address, Chairperson Gerwatowski adjourned the Open Meeting at 11:35 A.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>