

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on March 1, 2019

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:30 A.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 11:35 A.M. A quorum was present.

- II. **Docket No. 4892 – RI Distributed Generation Board and The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** –The PUC deliberated the Renewable Energy Growth Program compliance filings submitted by the RI Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) and National Grid submitted in accordance with the PUC’s Open Meeting Decision on February 15, 2019. After review, the following motions were made:
 - a) Chairperson Curran moved to accept the both compliance filings submitted by the National Grid’s and the DG Board submitted on February 26, 2019. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner Anthony noted that with respect to 90 days suspension period, National Grid should be tracking all suspension generally and reporting back to the PUC with next year’s REG filing.
 - b) Finding there to be an inconsistency between the testimony provided by the DG Board and its compliance filing on the reallocation of the 6.5 MW capacity from the carport class other classes, Commissioner Anthony directed the DG Board to provide an explanation to the PUC, within 60 days, of how the reallocation to the large local solar categories address the local siting dynamics and concerns. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

As Docket 4892 relates to the REG program, it was noted that at the February 27, 2019 Open Meeting, the PUC approved a renewable energy resource eligibility application for a system (TG Developers Solar Carport), the PUC requested staff for information regarding how and when this project was considered in the REG program, ceiling price formulation and relevant information pertaining the project.

- III. Eligibility applications were submitted in the following dockets for PUC consideration. PUC Consultant recommended conditional approval subject to the requirement that the applicant submit documentation verifying commercial operational date and assignment of NEPOOL GIS Id number. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the applications as recommended by PUC Consultant. Chairperson Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- a. **Docket No. 4923 – Oak Square Development, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Hawkins Solar generation unit, a 0.180 MW AC (0.25 MW DC) solar facility located in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- b. **Docket No. 4924 – Oak Square Development, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Kenyon Solar generation unit, a 0.180 MW AC (0.25 MW DC) solar facility located in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

IV. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran moved to adjourn the Open Meeting at 11:48 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.