

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on October 25, 2019

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 1:00 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, Margaret Hogan, John Harrington, Todd Bianco, Alan Nault, and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. Minutes of Open Meetings held on October 18, 2019, October 11, 2019 and September 3, 2019 – Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 4976 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)** – NBC submitted a tariff filing to amend tariff, terms and conditions for effect November 2, 2019. Specifically, NBC proposes to 1) amend credit card transaction fees, 2) add stormwater management application fee, and 3) amend terms and conditions to memorialize sewer tie-in expense referenced in NBC’s Rules and Regulations for the Use of Wastewater Facilities. Chairperson Curran moved to suspend the proposed tariff changes for the purpose of conducting examination on the proposal. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4955– The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC considered National Grid’s annual Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC) Filing submitted on August 1, 2019 and supplemented on September 3, 2019 and associated DAC factors. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve National Grid’s DAC filing and DAC factors as submitted by the Company. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4963 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC considered National Grid’s annual Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Filing submitted on September 3, 2019 and associated GCR charges. After review, the following motions were made:

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Division’s recommendation to direct National Grid to work with the Division to develop appropriate cost allocation procedures for incremental design peak hour costs and to present those procedures in

next year's GCR filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Division's recommendation to direct National Grid to work with the Division to evaluate the Company's current cost allocation procedures for the interstate pipeline firm-transportation capacity assigned to the Company's firm-transportation customers and reflect modifications to the current approach, which, addresses the allocation of fixed gas supply reservation charges, and to present those modifications in next year's GCR filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Division's recommendation to direct National Grid to work with the Division to develop data exchange protocols for the Gas Procurement Incentive Program (GPIP) and the Natural Gas Portfolio Management Plan (NGPMP) so as to provide additional transparency and allow more efficient auditing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to defer a decision concerning the recovery of any costs associated with the incremental supplies purchased by National Grid and relating to operational problems at the Providence LNG facility experienced on January 21, 2019, until such time as the Division issues its investigative report. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Gas Cost Recovery factors as submitted, subject to the conditions approved herein above at this Open Meeting. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the BTU factor as filed. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Gas Procurement Incentive Program incentive of \$20,726 for the period April 2018 through March 2019. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Natural Gas Portfolio Management Plan (NGPMP) incentive of \$744,051.96. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gold moved to approve all National Grid's Motions for Protective Treatment filed in this docket. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VI. Docket No. 4969 – DWW Solar LLC's application for eligibility certification of the DWW Solar II, LLC generation unit, a 26.4 MW solar facility located in Simsbury, Connecticut as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC consultant

recommended conditional approval subject to the applicant submitting documentation verifying commercial operation date and assignment of NEPOOL-GIS Id number. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to grant conditional eligibility as recommended by PUC consultant. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VII. Docket No. 4967 – Target Corporation** – There was no discussion of this docket.
- VIII. Docket No. 4977 – Ready Wireless LLC** - There was no discussion of this docket.
- IX. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran moved to adjourn the Open Meeting at 1:20 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.