

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on September 6, 2018

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 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: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco, Sharon Colby Camara and Luly Massaro.

- I. Commissioner Gold called the Open Meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. A quorum was present.

- II. **Approval of Open Meeting Minutes:** Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meeting held on June 28, 2018, July 2, 2018, July 3, 2018, July 18, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M., July 18, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M., July 31, 2018 and August 24, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 4595 – City of Newport, Water Division** – There being no objection filed, Commissioner Gold moved to find Newport Water Division’s August 14, 2018 submission in compliance with PUC Order 23269 relating to the request to transfer \$232,751 from the restricted Operating Revenue Reserve account into the unrestricted general operating fund. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- IV. **Docket No. 4684 - RI Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council (EERMC)** – The PUC reviewed the comments received in response to the PUC’s August 3, 2018 draft language to the Least Cost Procurement (LCP) Standards. The PUC deliberated, finalized and approved LCP Standards with the following motions.
 - Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC approve the revision to Section 1.6(H) proposed by the EERMC in their May 18 filing, for immediate application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC approve the revisions to Sections B(i) and C proposed by the Division in their August 14 memorandum, for immediate application and moved to amend the second sentence in Section B(i), by inserting new language "from the Rhode Island Benefit Cost Framework" after the word "costs" and before words "to be reported". Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the August 3, 2018 LCP Standards with the modifications approved at this Open Meeting. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 4822 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC considered National Grid’s August 31, 2018 compliance filing containing a revised copy of the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) pursuant to the PUC’s August

27, 2018 Open Meeting decision. No comments were received by other parties. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the amended RFP for solicitation of long-term contracts for Renewable Energy and Renewable Energy Credits because it reflects the PUC's Open Meeting decision. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

VI. **Docket No. 4763 – National Grid** – The PUC discussed the record relating to National Grid's October 31, 2017 tariff filing to amend its electric tariffs entitled Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation. After review and discussion the following motions were made:

- Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC amend Section 3-2 to state that the Company shall immediately advise interconnecting customers if there will be a delay in providing pre-application report due to the number of pending requests. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- Commission Anthony moved that the Company report to the PUC annually, on the weekly average minimum and maximum number of pre-application reports and the number of delays that were issued due to exceeding a reasonable number of applications under review. This report shall be submitted with the table of performance metric approved in the rate case is due. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- Commissioner Gold moved to approve the revised language submitted to Section 5.4 of RIPUC 2180 governing interconnection of distributed generation projects as proposed by National Grid. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- Commissioner Antony moved to direct the Company to submit a final account provision on sheet 83 of the tariff. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- Commissioner Gold moved to approve National Grid's revised tariff language to RIPUC 2180 with the modifications approved made at this Open Meeting. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

VII. **Docket No. 4809 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record regarding the Company's March 1, 2018 proposed 2019 Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan and 2019 Renewable Energy Standard Procurement Plan. After discussion, the following motions were moved:

- Commissioner Gold moved to approve two modifications to the Company's proposed Standard Offer Procurement Plans. The modifications are 1) to remove the capacity from the full requirements service contract; and 2) change the end dates of the bid blocks. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed **Vote 2-0.**
- Commissioner Anthony moved to reject the Company's proposal that limits the end dates to 2020. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- Commissioner Gold moved to approve the proposed Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan with to the modifications previously discussed and ruled on. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Company's 2019 Renewable Energy Procurement Plan, including the Division's proposed modification. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

VIII. **Renewable Energy Growth Program for program year 2019** - After review of the presentation entitled Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program: Analysis & Discussion in Support of 2nd Draft 2019 Ceiling Price Recommendations August 20, 2018 by Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC and Mondre Energy, Inc., the PUC had a discussion regarding its expectations from the parties regarding filings related to the addition of a carport technology category. No votes were taken.

IX. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Gold moved to adjourned the Open Meeting at 2:52 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.