

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on December 6, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Monday, December 6, 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 dockets.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Commissioner John Revens, Patricia Lucarelli, Alan Nault and Todd Bianco.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.
- II. Minutes of Open Meetings held on November 5, 2021 and November 29, 2021 – Approval of the minutes was postponed until next Open Meeting.
- III. **Docket No. 5180 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** - In this docket, National Grid submitted on November 19, 2021, proposed interim adjustment to the Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) factors for effect January 1, 2022. It was noted that the tariff allows the Company to submit an interim GCR, but the tariff language is clear that it required to be submitted 60 days before effective date of proposed change. The Commission has outstanding data requests issued to the Company. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to suspend the filing made by the Company on November 19 to continue examination on the proposal. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion unanimously was passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 5134 – Pascoag Utility District** - This docket relates to Pascoag Utility’s application to change rates to collect additional revenues in the amount of \$379,332 or 4.72% over current revenue levels. On November 4, 2021, Pascoag Utility and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers submitted a Joint Settlement Agreement resolving outstanding issues in the docket. The parties agreed that Pascoag Utility will collect additional revenue requirement of \$340,484 for a total revenue requirement of \$8,038,936 or 4.24% .

Discussion related to Pascoag Utility’s plan to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and proposal. The Commission would like the status report to include why replacement of the meters is needed in the time frame proposed. The status reports should be filed when Pascoag has either new information or a material change in its approach. After review, the following motions were made:

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the Settlement Agreement as filed. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously was passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to that Pascoag Utility's Net Metering Tariff No. 902 be approved. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion unanimously was passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. There being no further business to discuss, the Open Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.