

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on April 25, 2023

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 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: Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Commissioner John Revens, Patricia Lucarelli, Alan Nault, Christopher Caramello, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro. Commissioner Gerwatowski was not present.

- I. Commissioner Anthony called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was not present and Commissioner Anthony convened the Open Meeting until 10:45 A.M.
- II. At 10:45 AM, Commissioner Anthony reconvened the Open Meeting. Commissioner Revens was present. A quorum was present.
- III. **Docket No. RES-23-07- James Berkley, Owner (Applicant)** – The Applicant submitted an application for eligibility of the FIRE Fund 2 at 301 Concord Street LLC Generation Unit, a 0.33 MW AC (0.5022 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. The facility has not yet achieved commercial operation. PUC consultant has reviewed the application and recommended conditional approval. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC conditionally approve the application as recommended by PUC consultant. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 22-20-NG - Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy** – This docket relates to Rhode Island Energy’s Gas Cost Recovery Charge. Pursuant to RIPUC NG-Gas No. 101 tariff, the Company submitted its BTU Content Factor Filing on April 5, 2023. The tariff requires the Company to calculate the seasonal BTU content based upon the prior six-month experience for the equivalent season, which the Company proposes that it take effect May 1 and November 1. For the period of May 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, Rhode Island Energy proposes to use a BTU content factor of 1.028 to convert volumetric meter readings to therms. The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) has reviewed the Company’s filing, found to be consistent with the tariff and recommended approval for effect May 1, 2023. Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC approve a BTU content factor of 1.028 for effect May 1. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 23-10-TL – Verizon Rhode Island (Verizon)** – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase its Residential rates for effect May 1, 2023. Verizon

proposes to increase the monthly rate by \$1.00 for Unlimited 1 Party and Measured 1 Party customers, the monthly lifeline discount for measured service by \$1.00 and increase several Residential Packages by \$5.00. The Division has reviewed the filing and finds that it complies with the Price Regulation Plan approved by the PUC in Order Nos. 18550 and 19540 permitting certain pricing flexibility. The Division has no objection to the tariff filing. Commissioner Anthony moved that the PUC approve Verizon's tariff filing submitted in this docket. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- VI. There being no further business to discuss, the Commissioner Anthony adjourned the Open Meeting at 10:49 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132738630>.