
State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on July 27, 2023

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held July 27, 2023 at 9:34 A.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, John Harrington, Alan Nault, Christopher Caramello, Emma Rodvien and Luly Massaro.

- I. Commissioner Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 9:34 A.M. A quorum was present.

- II. Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings was deferred to next Open Meeting.

- III. **Docket No. 22-47-WW - Narragansett Bay Commission** - This docket relates to the Narragansett Bay Commission’s multi-year rate application. In accordance with PUC July 24, 2023 Open Meeting decision, NBC submitted a Compliance Filing which included compliance schedules and proposed revised tariffs. The Division provided a memorandum finding the schedules and tariffs are correctly calculated and comply with PUC’s Open Meeting decision. PUC staff has also reviewed the compliance filing. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the schedules and rates attached to the Compliance Filing. The compliance rates go into effect August 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- IV. **Docket No. 23-07-EE – Least Cost Procurement Standards** – This docket relates to the PUC’s review of System Reliability Procurement and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Procurement (Least-Cost Procurement or LCP Standards) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7(a). The LCP Standards are subject to periodic review and appropriate amendment by the PUC, which review will be conducted not less frequently than every three (3) years after the adoption of the standards and guidelines.

The PUC designated staff to work on the LCP Standards, engaging the stakeholders, working through the comments received and propose a final recommendation. On July 21, 2023, PUC Staff submitted a memorandum regarding their review of the comments received. Staff also submitted a newly revised draft of the LCP Standards containing all of the staff recommended revisions. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to adopt the LCP Standards attached to PUC Staff Memorandum dated July 21, 2023, and was circulated to the stakeholders on the same date. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** .

- V. **Docket No. RES-23-13 – Gillespie Court LLC (Company)** – The Company submitted an application for eligibility of the 6 Jefferson Dr. Generation Unit, a 0.50 MW AC (0.6584 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Coventry, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. The facility has not yet achieved commercial operation. PUC consultant recommended conditional approval. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to adopt PUC consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. There being no further discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting adjourned at 9:41 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132933442>.