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**State of Rhode Island**

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**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held on August 24, 2023**

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held August 24, 2023 at 11:30 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, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, John Harrington, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco, Christopher Caramello and Luly Massaro.

- I. Commissioner Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. A quorum was present.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings** - Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings held on July 13, 2023, July 24, 2023 and July 27, 2023. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
  
- III. **Docket No. 22-07-GE - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy** – In November 2022, RI Energy implemented a \$50 million one-time customer bill credit pursuant to a Settlement Agreement between RI Energy PPL Corporation, PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC, and Peter F. Neronha, Attorney General. On July 28, 2023, RI Energy notified that after the implementation of the one-time customer bill credit, the Company calculated a balance of \$4,958.00 (\$4,542.16 for electric and \$415.84 for gas) that remains to be credited to customers. The Company proposes the following: 1) to credit the remaining \$4,542.16 balance to electric customers through a credit to the Storm Contingency Fund, which currently has a deficit balance; and 2) to credit the remaining \$415.84 balance to gas customers through the Company’s annual Distribution Adjustment Charge filing (submitted August 1, 2023). The Company represented that the Attorney General and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) find the Company’s proposal acceptable. The following motions were made:
  - 1) Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Company’s proposal to apply the remaining balance relating to the gas business, as a credit to the Distribution Adjustment Charge Filing. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
  - 2) Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Company’s proposal to apply the remaining balance relating to the electric business, as a credit to the Storm Contingency Fund. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- IV. Telecommunication Service Providers** – The following Companies submitted an application for registration to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Division supports approval of the applications.
- Docket No. 23-18-TL – NatWireless, LLC d/b/a National Wireless - Application as a Class VI provider, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP). Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the application for registration of NatWireless LLC. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
  - Docket No. 23-19-TL – Via Wireless, LLC - Application as a Class VI provider, Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS). Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the application for registration of Via Wireless, LLC. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. Docket No. RES-23-14 –AES Clean Energy** – The Company submitted an application for eligibility of the Randolph Solar Generation Unit, a 4.9 MW AC (6.1893 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Randolph, Maine as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC consultant recommended approval. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to accept the PUC consultant’s recommendation to approve the application. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. Docket No. 4044 - WM Renewable Energy, LLC (Company)** – The Company filed notice that the Madison County facility ceased operations and requested that its eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource be removed. After review, Commission Anthony moved to decertify the Madison County landfill gas-to-gas facility. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII.** There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132990798>