

**State of Rhode Island**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held on September 28, 2023**

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held September 28, 2023, at 10:30 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, Emma Rodvien, Christopher Caramello and Luly Massaro.

- I. Commissioner Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 23-01-EL - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** - This docket relates to the Company's Last Resort Service rates the Residential Group for the period of October 2023 through March 2024, the Commercial Group for the period of October 2023 through March 2024, and the Industrial Group for the period of October 2023 through December 2023. The Commission reviewed the Company's compliance filing submitted in accordance with the PUC Open Meeting decision on September 26, 2023. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved approve the compliance filing. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 23-27-EL - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** - This docket relates to the Company's annual Pension and Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOP) Adjustment Factor (PAF) filing for effect October 1, 2023. The Company filed its compliance filing submitted in accordance with the PUC Open Meeting decision on September 26, 2023. The Division filed a memorandum finding the compliance filing to be in order. After review, Commissioner Revens moved approve the compliance filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 5209 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** - This docket relates to the Company's annual reconciliation for FY 2023 Electric ISR Plan and proposed ISR reconciling factors for effect October 1, 2023. The Company submitted a compliance filing in accordance with the PUC Open Meeting decision on September 26, 2023. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the revised ISR factors as agreed by the Division. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 22-49-EL - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (Company)** - This docket relates to Rhode Island Energy's proposed

Advanced Metering Functionality (AMF) Business Case program proposal. The Commission completed its review and deliberation in this docket at the September 27, 2023, Open Meeting. No votes were taken.

- VI. **Docket No. 23-33-WW – Pawtucket Water Supply Board** – The Pawtucket Water Supply Board filed an application to change rate schedules. Pawtucket Water seeks to implement a multi-year rate plan that would increase rates in four steps. In the first step of the rate increase, proposed to take effect October 14, 2023, Pawtucket Water proposed preliminary rates designed to collect additional operating revenues in the amount of \$1,423,220 to support a total revenue requirement of \$21,764,363. Commissioner Anthony moved to suspend Pawtucket Water’s proposed rates to conduct discovery and hearing on the rate application. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. **Docket No. RES-23-15 – 51 Washington Ave Solar LLC (Company)** – The Company submitted an application for eligibility of the 51 Washington Ave Solar LLC Generation Unit, a 0.150 MW AC (0.19845 MW DC) solar energy facility located in Cranston, Rhode Island as New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC consultant recommended conditional approval. Commissioner Anthony moved to accept the PUC consultant’s recommendation to conditionally approve the Company’s application. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VIII. **Telecommunication Service Providers** – The PUC reviewed and voted on the applications filed in the following dockets:
- Docket No. 23-28-TL – EarthGrid PBC, LLC (Company) - Application for registration as a Class VI provider, Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) and request for protective treatment from public disclosure of the Company’s financial statements. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the applicant and grant the request for protective treatment of the financial statements. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
  - Docket No. 23-31-TL – AFNET, LLC (Company) – Application for registration as a Class VI provider, Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) and request for protective treatment from public disclosure of the Company’s financial statements Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the applicant and grant the request for protective treatment of the financial statements. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IX. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/133066858>