

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 15, 2015 1:00pm

Board Members Present: Chairperson Margaret E. Curran, Kevin Flynn

Board Staff Present: Todd Bianco, Coordinator; Patricia Lucarelli, Counsel

Chairperson Curran called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission Offices. A quorum of the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) was present. Chairperson Curran explained that the Board was meeting to determine whether or not proposed incremental upgrades to the Tiverton Power Facility (licensed in Docket SB-97-1) constituted an alteration of a major energy facility, thereby requiring a full application to be submitted to the Board. She noted that the matter was undocketed.

Counsel Lucarelli explained that the Tiverton Power Facility's counsel had submitted a letter to the Board detailing the proposed work. The letter indicated that nearly all of the work would be inside the existing facility, and as such would not result in a significant impact on the environment, or the public health, safety, and welfare.

Chairperson Curran explained she found the letter helpful, and opened the meeting to discussion.

Board Member Flynn found the proposal had only benefits to the area and region, and did not rise to the level of a formal review, and was satisfied with the information provided in the letter to the Board.

Counsel Lucarelli explained that the Board would only have to act if there was a finding that would trigger a formal review.

Board Member Flynn made clear that he did not reach such a finding.

Chairperson Curran agreed with Board Member Flynn, and found the record was clear that the proposed work did not constitute an alteration.

The open meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.