

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 22, 2015

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco, and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

4570 – National Grid – The PUC reviewed the record relating to National Grid's June 26, 2015 Solicitation for Proposals for Clean Energy Projects filed pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-31-6(a)(1)(i). The PUC was satisfied with the presentation and persuaded that the Request for Proposal (RFP) conforms to the statute. The RFP is a regional effort with Connecticut and Massachusetts. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to find that 1) the Request for Proposal solicits for something that is allowed by the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act, and 2) the solicitation is reasonable, open and competitive as required by the Act. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4520 – The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on August 18, 2015 a request for additional market area hedge to the Gas Procurement Incentive Plan for the upcoming November 2015 through March 2016 winter season. The proposal is intended to mitigate a portion of the risk associated with the market area gas purchases. The hedge proposal is similar what the PUC approved last winter season. The Division recommended approval of the request. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the request. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4490 – National Grid – National Grid filed on August 24, 2015 proposed Standard Offer Service (SOS) Rates for the Industrial Group for months of October 2015 through December 2015. The filing was submitted pursuant to the SOS Procurement Plan approved by the PUC in this docket. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding the proposed SOS rates in conformance with the approve SOS Procurement Plan. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve National Grid's proposed SOS rates as filed. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4473 – National Grid – National Grid filed on August 3, 2015 proposed Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) Annual Reconciliation Filing and associated ISR factors. Commissioner Roberti moved to suspend the filing pending examination and a hearing on October 26, 2015. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4237 – National Grid – National Grid filed its 2015 Annual Contact Voltage Compliance Report dated June 30, 2015. The Division filed a letter summarizing its review and findings regarding National Grid’s Compliance Report. After review and discussion, Commissioner DeSimone moved to 1) find that National Grid’s Compliance Report is in compliance with statute, 2) adopt the recommendation of the Company and the Division to continue testing 100% of the Designated Contact Voltage Risk Areas (DCVRA) in FY 2016, and 3) move the testing period for FY 2016 to October and for FY 2017 to May 2016 as requested by National Grid. Commissioner DeSimone also suggested that the company continue to implement post remediation work surveys and sample random object testing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.