

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 14, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on May 20, 2016 and May 27, 2016 – Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4600 – Investigation Into the Changing Electric Distribution System – The George Wiley Center filed on May 26, 2016, an application for membership to the stakeholder’s committee. The Wiley Center will be represented by John Willumsen-Friedman for the RI Center for Justice. The Wiley Center, through counsel will represent the interests of low-income utility consumers. Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application and Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion. **Vote 2-0.**

4483 – Wind Energy Development & ACP Land LLC (WED) – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid filed on May 11, 2016, an updated compliance filing providing minor clarifying revisions to the Company’s Standard for Connecting Distributed Generation Tariff. On May 25, 2016, in response to a data request, the Company represented it has discussed the revisions with the Division and the intervening party, and neither the Division nor the intervening party has any objections to the substance of the Company's proposed revisions. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid’s May 11, 2016 updated compliance tariff filing. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** The PUC requested that National Grid submit further amendments as a new tariff advice filing.

4550 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board – Pawtucket Water submitted a Compliance Filing on April 8, 2016 and a Supplemental Filing on April 26, 2016 to implement the second step of a Multi-Year Rate Plan approved by the PUC in this docket. Pawtucket Water proposes to increase its rates to collect additional revenues of \$581,773 resulting in total operating revenue of \$21,040,933. The impact of the request is an across-the-board rate increase of 2.8% on all rate classes.

The Division filed a memoranda summarizing its review and finding Pawtucket Water’s compliance filings to be consistent with the Settlement Agreement approved in Docket No. 4550. The Town of Cumberland does not oppose the second step increase. The Town requested that Pawtucket Water provide updated consumption and revenue figures by month with the filing for the third step.

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Pawtucket Water's Compliance Filing as supplemented on April 26, 2016. Commissioner DeSimone also approved the Town's request to the extent that the sales and revenue data sought be provided in the aggregate and not by month. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4619 – Pascoag Utility District – Pascoag Utility District, filed on May 20, 2016, a tariff advice filing to remove language pertaining to nonregulated power producers. The filing complies with recently enacted legislation that exempts Pascoag Utility District from providing retail access for nonregulated power producers. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the Pascoag's tariff advice as submitted. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Applications

The PUC considered the following Renewable Energy Resources eligibility applications as submitted in the following dockets:

- 4615 – Foster Solar, LLC's application for certification of the Foster Solar Generation Unit, 1.25 MW solar facility located in Foster, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum recommending approval of the application with the conditional requirement the applicant provide documentation verifying Commercial Operation and evidence of the generation unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number.
- 4616 – Logee Street Solar, LLC's application for certification of the Logee Solar Generation Unit, 0.184 MW solar facility located in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum recommending approval of the application with the conditional requirement the applicant provide documentation verifying Commercial Operation and evidence of the generation unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the above applications with the conditional requirement as recommended by the PUC Consultant. Commissioner DeSimone seconded and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2379(T3) – Gold Star Energy, LLC – Gold Star Energy submitted an application for authority to transact as a gas marketer. The Division filed a memoranda recommending approval. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Gold Star Energy's application. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2262(P11) – 5LINEX Enterprises, Inc. (Company) – The Company filed notice that it no longer conducts business in Rhode Island and requested that its authority as a telecommunication supplier be rescinded. Chairperson Curran moved to rescind the authority of the company. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.