

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4818
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY BLUE HERON HYDRO, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2018, Blue Heron Hydro, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Townshend Generation Unit, a 0.96 MW small hydroelectric energy Generation Unit located in Townshend, Vermont, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource in accordance with the PUC's Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (Rules) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.0 and other relevant Sections of the Rules, a thirty-day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received; and

WHEREAS, The application included a request that VEPP Inc., as aggregator of a number of Vermont Standard Offer Program projects (all of which are grid-connected),² be approved to serve as an independent Verifier for verifying electrical generation output and entering into the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS) the quantity of eligible energy produced by applicant's Generation Unit;³ and

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Eli Smith, 65 Madison Avenue, Suite 500 Morristown, NJ 07960; Phone: (973) 998-8410; Email: eli.smith@eaglecreekre.com.

² Per VEPP Inc. communication, dated October 4, 2017, the Commission has confirmed that the entire output from this and related Vermont facilities is directly interconnected and delivered to the utility grid and distributed pro-rata to the Vermont utilities pursuant to the Vermont statute governing the Standard Offer Program.

³ See Sections 3.3 and 6.8 (ii) and (iii) of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard Rules and Regulations.

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the Rules and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, The PUC's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company and the PUC may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's certification if any material information provided by the Company proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23180) ORDERED:

1) The Townshend Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.96 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of April 16, 2016 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Townshend, Vermont.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON88611.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4818-N18.

4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the day which the Rhode Island certification number is issued. All RECs associated with the production of eligible energy that are minted on or after the Effective Date are eligible for the Renewable Energy Standard.

5) Although the PUC will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this

Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the PUC, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.

6) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 24, 2018

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
JUNE 1, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.