

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
2 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

3 (VIDEO TRANSCRIPTION OF DOCKET 4956)
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5 TIME: 1:00 P.M.
6 LOCATION: HEARING ROOM A
7 ADDRESS: 89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
8 WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

9 IN RE:

10 Docket No. 4956
11 The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a
12 National Grid and Energy Development Partners, LLC
13 (EDP)

14 Members present:

15 Chairperson Margaret Curran
16 Commissioner Marion Gold
17 Commissioner Abigail Anthony
18 John Harrington, Legal Counsel

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2 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Next is Docket Number
3 3956 (SIC), Narragansett Electric Co., d/b/a
4 National Grid and Energy Development Partners, LLC
5 or EDP.

6 This relates to a request for assistance,
7 submitted by National Grid, together with EDP, to
8 resolve an interconnection dispute under National
9 Grid's Standards for Connecting Distributed
10 Generation, Tariff R.I.P.U.C. 2180, in accordance
11 with section 9.2(b) or the Tariff.

12 Before us today is a motion to intervene and
13 protest filed by Green Development, LLC. And Also
14 the parties' resolution that was reached regarding
15 an interconnection dispute.

16 We can address the motion to intervene I
17 believe now or we can address it after we deal with
18 the parties' resolution or we can do it both times
19 (SIC), which I think I'd recommend.

20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Then let's do both.

21 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: First, I would deny
22 the motion to intervene. There's no right
23 confirmed by statute involved here.

24 The moving party is not directly affected by

1 anything. This matter has not gone to full
2 hearing. It's not presently headed for a full
3 hearing. And so, certainly, at this point -- and
4 as the proceedings have been progressing, there's
5 nothing in the future -- (INAUDIBLE) Green or
6 anyone else may be bound. Neither has there been a
7 demonstration or an interest of such a nature that
8 the (INAUDIBLE) participation maybe in the public
9 interest.

10 So, I think -- do we have a second?

11 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Further discussion?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: All in favor?

15 (BOARD VOTES)

16 (MOTION PASSES 3-0)

17 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Then we address the
18 parties' resolution. The parties being EDP and
19 National Grid.

20 I think it's clear this involved
21 interconnection. There have been -- there's been a
22 dispute about it. The parties have been working
23 together on it.

24 At this point, the parties have reached a

1 resolution. They're determined to go forward. So,
2 I think it appears that there is no longer a
3 dispute here and so I think that we don't need to
4 be involved in this any further. I think that it's
5 appropriate that the regulations and this
6 Commission doesn't stand in the way of business
7 decisions that are reached by the parties, assume
8 that we stand in place of the market. This is a
9 matter that the parties could address if there is
10 not a regulated utility involved without anyone
11 else getting involved.

12 I think we want to be particularly careful and
13 ask the Commission not to stand in the way of
14 business that's being conducted clearly in
15 furtherance of a clear state policy. I don't see
16 that there's any -- anything to be gained by the
17 public or the proceedings for the PC to stay
18 involved.

19 So, I think that we are satisfied that the
20 parties have resolved their dispute. There's --
21 there being no remaining disputes involving the
22 parties, I think that the matter is concluded for
23 our purposes.

24 So, I suppose -- Counsel, should we just move

1 to essentially close the docket?

2 MR. HARRINGTON: The Commission could move
3 to close the docket and to acknowledge that they
4 received the summary of the dispute resolution and
5 the resolution itself.

6 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Yes, everyone
7 received those. And recognizing that the parities
8 are willing to go forward with the interconnection,
9 I believe that's -- the docket should be dissolved.

10 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: So, I guess I would
11 move then that the Commission acknowledges the
12 summary and conclusion of this dispute resolution
13 process.

14 COMMISSIONER GOLD: And I can add to that?

15 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER GOLD: And find that the
17 agreed resolution is not inconsistent with the
18 standards for connecting distributed generation.

19 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Is there a
20 mortification of the motion?

21 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Do you count that as
23 part of your motion?

24 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Would that work?

1 MR. HARRINGTON: You can do two separate.

2 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Should we just do two
3 motions?

4 MR. HARRINGTON: It could be two separate
5 motions.

6 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: So, just to be clear,
8 I'll second yours.

9 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: And is there further
11 discussion on that?

12 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: No.

13 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: All in favor?

14 (BOARD VOTES)

15 (MOTION PASSES 3-0)

16 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: And your motion?

17 COMMISSIONER GOLD: My motion is to find
18 that the agreed resolution is not inconsistent with
19 the standards for connecting distributed
20 generation.

21 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: Second. Additional
22 discussion?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: All in favor?

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(BOARD VOTES)

(MOTION PASSES 3-0)

CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: I think that we can,
as earlier promised, we can revisit the motion to
intervene and protest by Green Development.

There's nothing to intervene and/or protest;
therefore, the motion would be dismissed.

To the extent there's anything left of the
motion, I move that it would be dismissed.

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY: Second.

CHAIRPERSON CURRAN: All in favor?

(BOARD VOTES)

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CERTIFICATE

I, Kimlee Bourque, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript, pages 2 - 8, is a true and accurate transcript of the Public Utilities Commission video dated October 18, 2019.

Kimlee Bourque
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Notary Public

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