

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS :DOCKET NO. RES-23-08
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY BLACKSTONE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC :
NEW GENERATION :**

ORDER

On April 21, 2023, Blackstone River Holdings, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Albion Hydro LLC Generation Unit, a 0.520 MW AC small hydro generation unit located in Cumberland, Rhode Island, 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.

The Company submitted supplemental and clarifying information to the PUC staff from May 16, 2023 through June 8, 2023, regarding type of hydro project, key construction dates, installed equipment, FERC licensing, and the Company's authorized representative.

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 § 39-26-1.² 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.

¹ The authorized representative was identified as John Brand, CFO, Zero6 Energy, 470W 78th Street #250 Chanhassen, MN 55317, 952-923-1187, jb@zero6energy.com.

² Pursuant to Section 2.6 and other relevant Sections of the Rules, a thirty-day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24699) ORDERED:

1) The Albion Hydro LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.520 MW AC, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet achieved³ and located within the NEPOOL control area in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

2) Eligibility is granted subject to the Company providing the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation Date and assignment of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL GIS Asset Identification Number designation by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation. Then, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

3) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the day when 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.

4) 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 on its behalf, 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.

³ Anticipated Commercial Operation 6/30/2023.

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

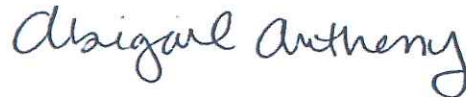
EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JUNE 22, 2023

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JUNE 22, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JUNE 26, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner



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.