

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. RES-23-31  
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :  
FILED BY THE DFI GROUP– NEW GENERATION :**

**ORDER**

On September 27, 2023, The DFI Group<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its The DFI Group Generation Unit, a 0.625 MW AC (0.84216 MW DC) solar energy generation unit located in Cranston, 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 application included a request, to the extent required by the Commission, that Tyler Mercer of AlsoEnergy, Inc. be approved as an independent verifier for verifying and reporting appropriate billing records from the Company’s Generation Unit to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS).

The Company provided supplemental and clarifying information to the PUC from October 5, 2023, through November 16, 2023, regarding the facility DC size, NEPOOL GIS ID, independent verifier, and accurate facility location coordinates.

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.<sup>2</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Frank DeFruscio, The DFI Group, 1425 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 02920, 401-943-9900, [frankd@difruscia.com](mailto:frankd@difruscia.com).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

(24866) ORDERED:

1) The DFI Group Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.625 MW AC (0.84216 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date March 21, 2023 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Cranston, Rhode Island.

2) Eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource is granted.

3) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON183805.

4) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-2331-N23.

5) Tyler Mercer of AlsoEnergy, LLC meets the requirements for approval as a Rhode Island Independent Verifier for the Company's Generation Unit.

6) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the first 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.

7) 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.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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\*Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman

*Abigail Anthony*

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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

*John C. Revens, Jr.*

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John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner



\*Chairman Gerwatowski did not participate in the Open Meeting decision.

**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.