

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. RES-23-47
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY GRAY SOLAR LLC – NEW GENERATION:**

ORDER

On November 29, 2023, Gray Solar LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Gray Solar Generation Unit, a 2.192 MW AC (3.187 MW DC) solar energy generation unit located in Rutland, Vermont, to be qualified 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 that VEPP Inc., as the aggregator of numerous 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 the applicant's Generation Unit.³

The Company provided supplemental and clarifying information to the PUC from December 7, 2023, through December 14, 2023, regarding the Authorized Representative, additional state certification documentation, the accurate facility owner, and proof of NEPOOL GIS ID.

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Michael Melone, Vice President, Gray Solar LLC, 157 Church Street 19th Floor New Haven, CT 06510, 212-681-6974, mjmelone@allcous.com.

² Per VEPP Inc. communication, dated October 4, 2017, the Commission has confirmed that the entire output from this and related Vermont utilities 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 2.3(A)(33), 2.6(H)(3) and 2.6(H)(4) of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Standard Rules.

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 § 39-26-1.⁴ 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

(24899) ORDERED:

- 1) The Gray Solar Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 2.192 MW AC (3.187 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date August 31, 2023 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Rutland, Vermont.
- 2) VEPP, Inc. meets Rhode Island requirements for approval as an Independent Verifier.
- 3) Eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource is granted.
- 4) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON187629.
- 5) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-2347-N24.
- 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

⁴ 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.

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 promptly in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JANUARY 10, 2024

PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JANUARY 10, 2024.

WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 10, 2024.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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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.