STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. RES-23-06

AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE: FILED BY MONSON COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC: NEW GENERATION:

ORDER

On February 28, 2023, Monson Community Solar LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Monson Community Solar LLC Generation Unit, a 0.120 MW AC (0.1564 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in Monson, Maine, 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 PUC, that AlsoEnergy, Inc. be approved as an independent verifier for verifying and reporting generation data from the Company's Generation Unit to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS).² Tyler Mercer is the contact person assigned by AlsoEnergy. The Company shall notify the PUC if Mr. Mercer is replaced by another AlsoEnergy representative. If AlsoEnergy ceases to be retained as the independent verifier, the Company will need to either choose a new previously qualified independent verifier or seek approval of a new independent verifier.

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Tyler Adkins, Monson Community Solar LLC, 156 North Guilford Road Monson, ME 04464, 207-749-9478, <u>adkinstyler@gmail.com</u>.

² An independent verifier "is responsible for monitoring, verifying and entering into the NEPOOL GIS the quantity of eligible energy produced by Generation Units in an aggregation, a Customer-Sited Generation Facility, or an Off-grid Generation Facility whose energy production data (or any part thereof) is not automatically included in the ISO Market Settlement System" 810-RICR-40-05-2.33(a).

The Company provided supplemental and clarifying information to the PUC from March 27, 2023 through June 8, 2023, regarding Appendix B, Commercial Operation Date, and Appendix D.

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 § 39-26-1.³ 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

(25067) ORDERED:

- 1) The Monson Community Solar LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.120 MW AC (0.1564 MW DC), Remote Customer-Sited Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of December 7, 2020 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Monson, Maine.
- Tyler Mercer of AlsoEnergy, Inc meets the requirements for approval as a Rhode Island Independent Verifier for the Company's Generation Unit.
- 3) Eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource is granted.
- 4) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON162404
- 5) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-2306-N24.

³ 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.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 30, 2024 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JUNE 3, 2024.

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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.