

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT :
REQUEST TO USE STORM FUNDS : **DOCKET NO. 4341**

ORDER

On March 25, 2016, Pascoag Utility District (Pascoag) filed a request seeking Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) approval to use \$13,679.00 from its Storm Fund for incremental expenses incurred during and the weekend following a winter snow storm. The storm caused trees and wires to come down, resulting in power outages. Pascoag's request is consistent with Section ID of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 20977 issued on February 28, 2013. The Settlement Agreement allows Pascoag an annual funding allowance of \$20,000 to be used when it incurs significant, incremental storm-related costs. The Settlement Agreement provides that the incremental costs must exceed \$4000 and are subject to a \$2,500 deductible. Pascoag provided documentation of \$16,179.00 in costs for overtime labor, materials, food, transportation costs, and contracted tree-trimming services. After disbursement, the balance in Pascoag's Storm Fund will be \$50,494.

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum on April 21, 2016. The Division recommended approval of Pascoag's request.

At an Open Meeting on April 29, 2016, the PUC approved Pascoag's request to use money from its Storm Fund finding it appropriate and consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The Commission recognizes Pascoag's diligent and continued efforts for the benefit of its customers.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(22419) ORDERED:

Pascoag Utility District's request to use \$13,679.00 from its Storm Fund is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, APRIL 29, 2016 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 24, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner*

Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner

*Commissioner Roberti concurs with the decision but is unavailable for signature.

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.