

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION : DOCKET NO. 4476
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :
BY SHELDON WIND ENERGY LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On December 24, 2013, Sheldon Wind Energy LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking standard certification for its High Sheldon Wind Farm Generation Unit, a 112.5 MW wind generation unit located in Strykersville, New York, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource in accordance with the PUC’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (RES Regulations) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.0 and other relevant Sections of the RES Regulations, a thirty day period for public comment was provided during which time, no such comments were received; and

WHEREAS, On May 12, 2016 and October 11, 2016, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant’s March 5, 2014, March 21, 2016, and October 5, 2016 requests for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a verified version of the Company’s original application and a redacted copy of the Company’s unit-specific, bilateral contract for import of energy into NEPOOL; and

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WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application, including said supplemental information, is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the RES Regulations, and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to the R. I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, 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

(22577) ORDERED:

1) The Sheldon Wind Farm Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource with its 112.5 MW, Grid Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of March 11, 2009 and located within a Control Area adjacent to NEPOOL in Strykersville, New York.

2) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is IMP32813.

3) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4476-N16.

4) As a Generation Unit located in a control area adjacent to NEPOOL, eligibility is granted only to the extent that the energy produced by the Generation Unit is actually delivered into NEPOOL for consumption by New England customers where delivery of such energy from the Generation Unit into NEPOOL is verified in accordance with Section 5.1(ii) and 5.1(iii) of the RES regulations.

5) 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 RES.


6) 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 at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with RI RES Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.


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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON OCTOBER 25, 2016
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
OCTOBER 25, 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION


Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson


Marion S. Gold, Commissioner


Herbert F. DeSimone, 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 (7) 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.