

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4713  
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED :  
BY SOUTHERN SKY RENEWABLE ENERGY RHODE :  
ISLAND, LLC – NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On August 8, 2017, Southern Sky Renewable Energy Rhode Island, LLC<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its Southern Sky Renewable Energy Rhode Island, LLC Generation Unit, a 0.24964 MW solar energy Generation Unit located in Glocester, 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 (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 (30) day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received; and

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 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

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Ralph A Palumbo, Owner, 117 Metro Center Boulevard, Suite 2007 Warwick, RI 02886; Phone: (401) 258-8111 Email: ralph@southernskyre.com.

certification if any material information provided by the Company proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is

(22888) ORDERED:

1) The Southern Sky Renewable Energy Rhode Island, LLC Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.24964 MW, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet reached and located within the NEPOOL control area in Glocester, Rhode Island.

2) As a Generation Unit which has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, eligibility is granted with a conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and that the Company provide evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number, including Market Settlement System (MSS) designation, when assigned by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation.

3) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's Commercial Operation Date, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

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

5) 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 Rhode Island RES Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



*Margaret E. Curran*

Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

*Marion S. Gold*

Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

*Abigail Anthony*

Abigail Anthony, 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.