

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4773  
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FILED BY :  
TERRAFORM SOLAR XVII, LLC– NEW GENERATION :

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2017, TerraForm Solar XVII, LLC<sup>1</sup> (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) an application seeking certification for its VEPP - Bridport Generation Unit, a 2.0 MW AC (2.808 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in Bridport, Vermont, 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; and

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

WHEREAS, The application included a request that VEPP Inc., as aggregator of a number of Vermont Standard Offer Program projects (all of which are grid-connected)<sup>2</sup>, 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 applicant's Generation Unit;<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> The authorized representative was identified as Andrew Muro, 7550 Wisconsin Ave, Floor 9 Bethesda, MD 20814; Phone: (415) 606-1908 Email: amuro@terraform.com.

<sup>2</sup> Per VEPP Inc. communication, dated October 4, 2017, the Commission has confirmed that the entire output from this and related Vermont facilities 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.

<sup>3</sup> See Sections 3.3 and 6.8 (ii) and (iii) of RI's Renewable Energy Standard Rules and Regulations.

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2018 supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's January 29, 2018 request for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: clarification regarding the Generation Unit's name and the capacity of the Generation Unit; and

WHEREAS, 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; 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

(23035) ORDERED:

1) The VEPP - Bridport Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 2.0 MW AC (2.808 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of July 12, 2015 and located within the NEPOOL control area in Bridport, Vermont.

2) That VEPP Inc. meets the RI requirements for approval as a Verifier.

3) The Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is NON70598.

4) The Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4773-N18.

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

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 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.

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

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 16, 2018  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner

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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 (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.