

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 16, 2018

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 12:30 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate and/or vote on the following dockets.

Present: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Linda George, Margaret Hogan, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 12:39 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.
- II. **Renewable Energy Eligibility Application Dockets** – The following Renewable Energy Resource eligibility applications were submitted. PUC consultant recommended approval of the applications as submitted. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - **4773 – TerraForm Solar XVII, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the VEPP - Bridport generation unit, a 2.0 MW AC (2.808 MW DC) solar facility located in Bridport, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - **4778 – SunE Solar XVI Lessor, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the VEPP – Springfield generation unit, a 1.0 MW AC (1.252 MW DC) solar facility located in Springfield, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
 - **4779 – SunE Solar XVI Lessor, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the VEPP – Rutland generation unit, a 0.8 MW AC (1.0 MW DC) solar facility located in Rutland, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- III. **Docket No. 4690 – In re: Block Island Power Co. -** The PUC considered Block Island Power Company’s February 13, 2018 request to continue the current Power Procurement Plan approved by PUC Order No. 22968. After discussion, Commissioner Anthony moved to authorize the Block Island Power to continue their current procurement plan which will allow them to enter into a 14-month contract commencing at the expiration date of the existing power supply contract. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4774 – In re: The RI Distributed Generation Board and Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC summarized its five motions made at the February 9, 2018 Open Meeting and identified one that required a ruling. After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Distributed Generation Board’s recommendation as filed on November 15, 2017. The Distributed Generation Board’s recommendation was that the PUC approve the proposed 2018 Renewable Energy Growth Program Classes, Ceiling Prices and Targets. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 4764 – In re: The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid –** After review of the record, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the request by National Grid’s for approval of the eight 20-years Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) entered into by National Grid for the purchase of energy and environmental attributes from eligible renewable energy generation facilities (the PPAs) submitted pursuant to the Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.1-5. Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran adjourned the Open Meeting at 1:10 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.