

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 2, 2018**

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1:30 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, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Linda George, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Margaret Hogan.

- I. Commissioner Gold called the Open Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present. Chairperson Curran and Margaret Hogan were excused from participation in the discussion of Docket No. 4737, In re: Issuance of Advisory Opinion to the Energy Facility Siting Board Regarding The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and Clear River Energy LLC's Application to Construct the Burrillville Interconnection Project.
- II. **Docket No. 4737 – In re: Issuance of Advisory Opinion to the Energy Facility Siting Board (Board) Regarding The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and Clear River Energy LLC's Application to Construct the Burrillville Interconnection Project** – The Commission deliberated and made the following motions:
  - (a) Commissioner Gold moved to advise the Board that the Burrillville Interconnection Project is needed to connect the Clear River Energy Center to the electric transmission system if the Board approves the application to construct a combined-cycle electric generating facility. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
  - (2) Commissioner Gold moved to advise the Board the application to construct the proposed Burrillville Interconnection Project will be done at the lowest reasonable cost to the ratepayers. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- III. Concluding the discussion in Docket No. 4737, Commissioner Gold adjourned the Open Meeting at 1:40 P.M.
- IV. Chairperson Curran and Margaret Hogan came into the Open Meeting to participate for the remainder of the Open Meeting Agenda. Chairperson Curran convened the Open Meeting at 1:43 P.M.
- V. **Docket No. 4692 – In re: The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid's Standard Offer Service Rates** - The Commission considered National Grid's proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Residential Group, Commercial Group and Industrial Group. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve

the Company's filing, the proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the months of April 2018 through September 2018, and for the Industrial Group for the months of April 2018 through June 2018. Also, approve the Company's results of the competitive bids to procure the Standard Offer Service rates for the three retail customer groups. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VI. **Renewable Energy Eligibility Applications Dockets** – The Commission reviewed and ruled on the eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets.

- **Docket No. 4784 – Kearsarge SKSC1, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Kearsarge SKSC1 generation unit, a 3.78 MW AC solar facility located in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **Docket No. 4785 - Kearsarge SKSC2, LLC's** application for eligibility certification of the Kearsarge SKSC2 generation unit, a 3.10 MW AC solar facility located in West Kingstown, Rhode Island, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

Chairperson Curran moved to approve the eligibility applications with the conditional requirement that the applicants submit written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and provide evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VII. **Rules of Practice and Procedure** – The Commission discussed the process and considered initiating rule-making proceedings to separate the existing two Parts of the Commission's Rules of Practice into two separate Rules. After consideration, Chairperson Curran moved to separate the existing rules into two parts and to be entitled: (1) Rules of Practice and Procedure, and (2) Additional Requirements for Filings in General Rate Cases. Also, to submit the changes to the Office of Management & Budgets, establish a public hearing date, and submit the proposed rule changes to the Secretary of State for publication. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gold. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VIII. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran adjourned the Open Meeting at 2:00 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.