

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 27, 2014**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro. Staff Patricia Lucarelli was not present.

**Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.**

**4443 - Energy Efficiency and Resource Mgmt. Council (EERMC)** – The PUC reviewed and discussed the record regarding EERMC's September 1, 2013 proposed Efficiency Savings Targets for National Grid's energy efficiency procurement for the period 2015 – 2017. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the EERMC's Efficiency Savings Targets as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4473 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed and discussed the record regarding National Grid's December 20, 2013 proposed Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) Plan for FY 2015 and associated factor for effect April 1, 2014. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's 2015 ISR plan, budget and ISR factor, including the agreement reached between National Grid and the Division on the issue of Verizon's contribution to tree-trimming spending. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC expressed concern with the escalating cost for police detail noting that this expense is \$275,000 over what was budgeted. Police detail is getting too expensive and there has to be a balance. The PUC encourages National Grid to work cooperatively with the police departments on this matter.

**4474 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record regarding National Grid's December 20, 2013 proposed Gas ISR Plan for FY 2015 and associated ISR factor for effect April 1, 2014. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve National Grid's 2015 ISR plan, budget and ISR factor. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4485 & 4393 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record relating to National Grid's February 14, 2014 Annual Retail Rate Filing and February 20, 2014 Renewable Energy Supply Charge (RES) and RES Reconciliation Filing. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's proposed rates arising out of the reconciliation of the various tariff provisions in these dockets effective April 1, 2014. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The net effect of the various rate changes, resulting from Dockets 4485, 4393 and 4473, on a typical monthly bill with consumption of 500 kWh per month is an increase of \$2.17 or 2.5%.

**4393 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record relating to National Grid’s February 25, 2014 proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for the period April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014. Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding the proposed SOS rates in compliance with PUC Order No. 21094 and the approved 2014 SOS Procurement Plan. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve National Grid’s proposed SOS rates which represent a decrease for the Industrial Group. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

### **Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Generation Units Dockets**

As part of the PUC’s responsibilities under section 6.3 of RES Rules to verify the on-going eligibility of renewable energy generators and the production of energy from such generation units, PUC Consultant requested each of the certified hydro facility owners to provide updated monthly river flow and energy production details for all months subsequent to the data provided as part of their original application. The purpose of the updated data was to review and verify the continued validity of previously approved percent New and Existing allocations or to revise these percentages, if necessary. PUC Consultant has completed its review of the following hydro facilities and recommended approval to re-certify these facilities’ renewable energy resource application to modify the percentage of New and Existing generation as follows:

- 3856 – Ware River Power, Inc. – Request for approval of revised certification of the Pioneer Hydro Electric Company Inc. Generation Unit as a 41% Rhode Island New Renewable Energy Resources and 59% Rhode Island Existing Renewable Energy Resource (a change from 50.4% and 49.6% respectively).
- 3918 – Woronoco Hydro, LLC – Request for approval of revised certification of the Woronoco Hydro Generation Unit as a 28% Rhode Island New Renewable Energy Resources and 72% Rhode Island Existing Renewable Energy Resource (a change from 37.4% and 62.6% respectively).
- 3919 – Pepperell Hydro Company, LLC – Request for approval of revised certification of the Pepperell Hydro Generation Unit as a 24% Rhode Island New Renewable Energy Resources and 76% Rhode Island Existing Renewable Energy Resource (a change from 46.8% and 53.2% respectively).

After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the re-certification of the above facilities’ application to modify the percentage of New and Existing generation effective with the NEPOOL GIS 2014 Compliance Year. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.