

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 31, 2018

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:00 A.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, Margaret Hogan, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of Minutes of Open Meetings (relating to the PUC’s discussion in Dockets 4770 and 4780) held on December 20, 2017, January 3, 2018, January 19, 2018, April 13, 2018, April 16, 2018, April 17, 2018, April 23, 2018, May 2, 2018, May 8, 2018 and May 9, 2018 – After review, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- II. **Docket No. 4814 – Narragansett Bay Commission’s Tariff Advice Filing** – The PUC considered Narragansett Bay Commission’s (NBC) March 21, 2018 tariff advice filing to amend Miscellaneous Charge (Schedule B) and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers’ responsive memorandum. NBC withdrew the proposed change to the Collection Notice Posting Fee. After review, Commissioner Anthony moved to approve NBC’s proposed change to the Abatement Application Fee, Abatement Meter Reading Fee, and Real Estate Closing Request Fee. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.** Chairperson Curran moved to correct the typographical error to correct the spelling of the word “Embalming” in the tariff. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 4618 – Providence Water Supply Board’s Request to Transfer Funds** – The PUC reviewed Providence Water’s October 27, 2017 request to transfer \$2,394,651 from its Restricted Revenue Reserve account to the Operating Fund. Responsive pleadings were submitted by the Division, and intervenors Bristol County Water Authority and the City of Warwick. After discussion, the PUC agreed that more information was needed to make a decision regarding whether Providence Water did experience a shortfall in consumption and whether that resulted a shortfall in metered water revenues. The PUC agreed to wait until the end of Providence Water's fiscal year, which is June 30, 2018, so to receive actual year consumption revenues for FY 2018 under the new rates that were approved in Docket 4618 and to issue further discovery. Chairperson Curran moved to table the matter from today’s agenda until when the PUC is ready to move forward. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 3-0.**

IV. **Renewable Energy Eligibility Application Dockets** – The PUC considered the eligibility applications submitted in the following dockets. PUC Consultant submitted a review memorandum recommending approval of the applications.

- **Docket No. 4817 – Blue Heron Hydro, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Ball Mountain generation unit, a 2.2 MW hydro facility located in Jamaica, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **Docket No. 4818 – Blue Heron Hydro, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of the Townshend generation unit, a 0.96 MW hydro facility located in Townshend, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.
- **Docket No. 4821 – Woods Hill Solar, LLC’s** application for eligibility certification of TRACY – WOODS HILL SOLAR generation unit, a 20 MW AC solar facility located in Pomfret, Connecticut, as a New Renewable Energy Resource.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the applications.

Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

V. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran adjourned the Open Meeting by acclamation at 10:23 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.