
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 11, 2010

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Robert, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Nick Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

2535 – Cox RI Telcom – Cox filed on July 15, 2010 a tariff filing proposing to assess a monthly 1% late payment charge on residential unpaid balances. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the filing be allowed to into effect without suspension.

4185 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed the record and outstanding issues relating to the Amended Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Deepwater Wind Block Island LL C which was filed with the Commission on June 30, 2010. The Commission considered the following four separate criteria set forth in R.I.G.L. § 39-26.1-7(c)(i)-(iv) to determine whether the PPA be rejected or approved:

1. Finding whether the Amended PPA contains terms and conditions that are commercially reasonable. Chairman Germani moved to find that the Amended PPA has met this criterion of the statute. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Commissioner Bray opposed. **Vote 2-1.**
2. Finding whether the Amended PPA contains provisions that provide for a decrease in pricing if savings can be achieved in the actual cost of the proposed Project pursuant to subsection 39-26.1-7(e). Chairman Germani moved to find the Amended PPA has met the requirement of the statute. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Commissioner Bray opposed. **Vote 2-1.**
3. Finding whether the Amended PPA is likely to provide economic development benefits, including: facilitating new and existing business expansion and the creation of renewable energy jobs; the further development of Quonset Business Park; and, increasing the training and preparedness of the Rhode Island workforce to support renewable energy projects. Chairman Germani moved to find that the Amended PPA has met this requirement. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Commissioner Bray opposed. **Vote 2-1.**

4. Finding whether the Amended PPA is likely to provide environmental benefits including the reduction of carbon emissions. Chairman Germani moved to find that the Amended PPA has met the environmental benefit requirement. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

A transcript of the Commission's August 11, 2010 open meeting discussion relating National Grid's Docket No. 4185 is available at the office of the Commission Clerk.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:44 P.M.