

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 12, 2014

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro. Patricia Lucarelli, Sharon Colby Camara and Cindy Wilson-Frias were 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. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

The following company filed an application for authority to transact as a supplier of telecommunications service. The Division reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

- 4531 – SelectTel, Inc. d/b/a SelectTel Wireless

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application.

Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

The following company filed tariff revisions to its existing tariffs (on date). The Division reviewed the tariff filing and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

- 3028 – CenturyLink Communications, LLC (tariff filing 11/3/14)

After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to adopt the Division's recommendation.

Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

The following companies filed notice to voluntarily surrender their authority and request that the PUC cancel its authority to conduct business. The Division reviewed the requests and recommended that the requests be granted of:

- 3510 – NEON Connect, Inc.
- 3965 – Light Tower Fiber, LLC

4495 – Troy Mills Hydroelectric, Inc. (Company) – The Company filed an application for certification of the Troy Hydro Project Generation Unit, a 0.816 MW small hydro generation unit located in Troy, Vermont, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant filed a memorandum summarizing his review and recommending approval of the application. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application as recommended by PUC Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4483 - Wind Energy Development, LLC & ACP Land, LLC (Petitioners) – The PUC review of the record regarding the Petitioners' January 15, 2014 Petition for Dispute Resolution Relating to Section 9.2 of National Grid's Distributed Generation

Interconnection Tariff (R.I.P.U.C. No. 2078). After review and discussion, the PUC ruled as follows:

Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the issues agreed by the parties that

1. National Grid will conduct an accepted projects conference following each distributed generation enrollment.
2. National Grid will notify customers of the accepted projects conference upon transmittal of the executed distributed generation standard contract.
3. National Grid will conduct a routine scoping meeting with all distributed generation enrollees.

Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

Commissioner DeSimone moved that National Grid convene a working group of parties interested in providing input into possible revisions to the Distributed Generation Interconnection Tariff (R.I.P.U.C. No. 2078). By December 1, 2014, the National Grid will file proposed tariff revisions resulting from the working group, including an explanation of any unresolved issues. The proposed revisions may also include recent changes to ISO-NE rules or operating procedures and the Renewable Energy Growth law. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

Commissioner DeSimone moved that National Grid provide an itemization of impact study costs whenever it attempts to collect costs in excess of the statutory fee. The interconnection customer will no longer be required to request an itemization of impact study costs. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner DeSimone moved that National Grid provide an itemization of interconnection costs upon completion of distributed generation projects. National Grid will implement this practice within 60 days. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

PUC deliberation will continue to an open meeting scheduled for December 11, 2014 for determination on the details of National Grid's September 12 proposal concerning the filing of private letter ruling requests and ratepayer recovery provisions. Pending the next open meeting on December 11, 2014, parties will respond to discovery as soon as possible but no later than December 3, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.