
Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on August 20, 2020

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 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

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Todd Bianco, Cynthia Wilson-Frias and Luly Massaro. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony and Alan Nault.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 4770 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – This docket relates to National Grid’s compliance filings submitted in accordance with the Amended Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission on August 24, 2018. The Commission reviewed and ruled on the following matters:
 - a.) National Grid’s compliance filing for approval of the Company’s change in electric base distribution rates for Rate Year 3 submitted June 1, 2020 and supplemented June 27, 2020. The compliance filing is submitted in accordance with submitted in accordance with Article II, Section C.3. of the Amended Settlement Agreement approved by the PUC on August 24, 2018. The proposed electric base distribution rates will take effect September 1, 2020. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve National Grids’ proposed rates as filed for Rate Year 3 compliance filing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gold and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - b.) National Grid requested for an extension of time to file its updated AMF Business Case. National Grid sought an extension to no later than the end of Rate Year 3 (August 31, 2021). Chairman Gerwatowski moved to grant an extension until to November 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gold and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - c.) The Commission discussed, observed and expressed frustration with National Grid’s response to Commission’s second data requests, referring to Schedule 6 (requesting a summary and update on the status of programs that were funded in the rate case.)
- III. **Docket No. 4604 – Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER)** - In this docket the Commission examines OER’s budget requests. The Commission continued discussion from the August 13, 2020 technical session as it relates to Task 1.1 through Task 1.4 of OER’s budget approved by Commission Order No. 23888 in this docket. The Commission observed that the analysis being performed by Mr.

Kennerly is consistent with the analytical work requested by the Commission in its order. .

- IV. **Docket No. 4991 – Pascoag Utility District** – This docket relates to the Pascoag Utility District’s 2020 Demand Side Management Program (DSM). Discussion was postponed pending receipt of response to outstanding data request.
- V. **Docket No. 5012 – Kent County Water Authority (KCWA)** – This docket relates to the Commission’s review of the KCWA abbreviated rate application. The Commission discussed timing and process to submit an amended settlement in light of the Commission’s decision in the Providence Water Supply Board rate case, Docket No. 4994. No motions were made.
- VI. **Docket No. 2379-L4 - Zentility, Inc. (Company)** – The PUC Company submitted a registration to operate as a gas marketer in Rhode Island. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. There being no further business to consider, Chairman Gerwatowski adjourned the Open Meeting at 10:36 A.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>