

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 11, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) was held on February 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.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, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Todd Bianco, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Patricia Lucarelli and Rudolph Falcone.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 2:04 P.M. A quorum was present.

Docket No. 4981 – Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island – The PUC reviewed the Order of the Supreme Court entered January 12, 2021 and the additional evidence. After consideration, Commissioner Gold moved that the PUC ruling as laid out in Order No. 23811 regarding the petition of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island for declaratory judgment on transmission system costs and related effective system operator studies, confirm that order. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** A transcript of the discussion in this docket is available at the Clerk’s office.

Chairman Gerwatowski abstained from participation in Docket No. 4981.

- II. **Docket No. 5089 – Greenbacker Renewable Energy Corporation (Company) -** The Company applied for eligibility of the Holiday Hill Community Wind generation unit, a 5 MW solar facility located in Russell, Massachusetts as a New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant recommendation to approve without conditions. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 5095 – Nutmeg Solar, LLC -** The Company applied for eligibility of the Nutmeg Solar LLC generation unit, a 19.99 MW AC (31.66 MW DC) solar facility located in Enfield, Connecticut as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant recommendation to approve without conditions. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- IV. **Docket No. 5102 – Kenyon Lane Solar, LLC -** The Company applied for eligibility of the Kenyon Lane Solar, LLC generation unit, a .200 MW AC (.2499MW DC) solar facility located in Hopkinton, Rhode Island as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Chairman Gerwatowski moved to accept the PUC consultant recommendation to conditionally approve the application.

Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.
Vote 3-0.

- V. **Docket No. 5079 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC considered National Grid’s October 30, 2020 proposed revisions to the Distribution Adjustment Clause (DAC) Provision of the company’s gas tariff. Specifically, the Company sought to amend Section 3.2, Advanced Gas Technology (AGT) Factor of the DAC, to expand the AGT Program to include heat decarbonization studies and recovery of the costs incurred through the AGT Factor. After review and discussion, Chairman Gerwatowski moved to deny the request for an amendment to the tariff. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. There being no further business to consider, Chairman Gerwatowski adjourned the Open Meeting at 2:17 P.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>