

## MINUTES

### COMMISSION MEETING

January 24, 2018

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Meeting began at 8:35 A.M. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Chairman Martin Honigberg, Commissioner Kathryn Bailey and Commissioner Michael Giaimo were present. The following matters were addressed.

1. Approval of the December 5, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Giaimo to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Commission Meeting, Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion, therefore the minutes were adopted.

2. DRM 16-829; Rulemaking, Puc 2500, Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard -  
Commission Vote to Adopt Conditional Approval Response

Chairman Honigberg stated that the Puc 2500 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Rules are ready for adoption of a conditional approval response.

Chairman Honigberg requested that Attorney David Wiesner explain the procedural status of these rules. Attorney Wiesner explained this is a multi-step rulemaking process. On Friday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, the PUC received conditional approval from JLCAR (Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules) to amend the Puc 2500 rules, and the next step is the approval of the conditional approval response which would be filed with the Office of Legislative Services to show that the PUC has made the amendments that were approved by JLCAR on Friday.

Once the PUC has made the filing, the Office of Legislative Services would then respond, clearing the PUC to adopt the final rules at a meeting currently scheduled for Monday afternoon. The rules could then be in effect by February 1, 2018.

Attorney Wiesner also added that, as the PUC requested of JLCAR in order to address and resolve the issue raised by Liberty Utilities regarding the eligibility of methane gas as a source of thermal RECs, the JCLAR conditional approval included a petition for further PUC rulemaking to begin immediately upon effectiveness of the Puc 2500 rules to address the thermal REC eligibility issue.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to adopt the conditional approval response regarding the Puc 2500 Rules, including approval of the JLCAR rulemaking petition, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Giaimo, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

3. New Business

None.

4. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

Chairman Honigberg stated the next Commission meeting will be determined at a later date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Giaimo. The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.