

RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES
Department of Administration
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RESPONSE TO DATA REQUESTS

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID'S
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION AND PROCESS RULES

DOCKET NO. 4277

**COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS
DIRECTED TO THE R.I. OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

1. In the Company's response to Commission 1-6, it stated that it asked OER to distribute a bulletin (Attachment COMM 1-6) to renewable energy project developers apparently explaining the interconnection feasibility study that is not required by statute. Was this bulletin distributed on September 26, 2011? If not, then on what date (day, month and year) was this bulletin (Attachment COMM 1-6) distributed?

Response: The Bulletin was distributed by e-mail on October 6, 2011 (see the attachment) to an extended list of renewable energy developers and other parties that have evidence an interest renewable energy development.

2. Please identify the specific renewable energy project developers that received a copy of COMM 1-6, including the name and address of the renewable energy project developers, and/or the name and address of the individual, if applicable representing the renewable energy project developer.

Response: The Office of Energy Resources does not maintain mailing addresses of all parties that contact the Office about issues, the Office of Energy Resources uses e-mail for communications and keeps e-mail addresses, as shown in the attachment.

3. Through what medium were the renewable energy project developers given notice of COMM 1-6? For example, was COMM 1-6 posted on a website, or was it delivered by regular mail to renewable energy project developers?

Response: The Office of Energy Resources uses e-mail for such communications. The Office of Energy Resources did not treat the communication as a formal notice, and did not endeavor to give the notice the form or the appearance of a formal notice.

4. Please provide the website, and web link if possible, on which the bulletin explaining the feasibility study requirement (COMM 1-6) was posted.

Response: The Office of Energy Resources does not use its website as a routine means of communication with the renewable energy community in Rhode Island and did not post the bulletin on its website.

5. For how many days, weeks, was COMM 1-6 posted on the website?

Response: The bulletin was not posted, thus there was no duration of posting.

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Subject: Renewable Energy Project Timing Guidance

Attached is a memo from N-Grid regarding project timing enrollment, application and interconnections issues. As we move through the 2011 process for Distributed Generation Standard Contracts--the matters set forth in the memo are critical to bear in mind.

I am endeavoring to circulate this information broadly to those how been in contact with this office during the last two years regarding installation of renewable energy projects.

Yours,
Ken Payne

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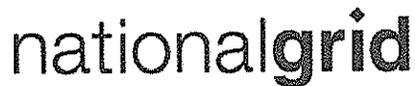
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September 26, 2011

Renewable Energy Project Developers Contemplating Submission of Distributed Generation Enrollment Applications in 2011

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Act, following a four-year phased schedule, National Grid is required to procure 10 percent of the minimum long-term contract capacity under the long-term contracting standard for renewable energy in section 39-26.1-2. Under a single enrollment in 2011, the initial program year, National Grid must enter standard contracts for a minimum of 5 MW nameplate capacity.

Developers considering participation in the program should contact National Grid to begin the Interconnection process and obtain a "Feasibility Study" prior to enrollment. Because interconnection feasibility is a key factor in evaluating projects, this is a mandatory requirement of the enrollment process. The Feasibility Study is currently available from National Grid under the terms and fees set forth in an amendment to the Rhode Island General Laws entitled Distributed Generation Interconnection. Those terms and fees are in the process of being incorporated into National Grid's existing "Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation." For information regarding National Grid's pending Enrollment Process and Application, as filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC), see:

[http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4277-NGrid-DGEnrollmnt\(8-31-11\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4277-NGrid-DGEnrollmnt(8-31-11).pdf)

For information regarding National Grid's pending revised Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation as filed with the Rhode Island PUC see:

[http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4276-NGrid-DGTariff\(8-26-11\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4276-NGrid-DGTariff(8-26-11).pdf)

The Rhode Island PUC has established public comment periods for both of these filings.

Information regarding National Grid Interconnection of Generators in Rhode Island, including the application process, can be found at the following link:

https://www.nationalgridus.com/narragansett/business/energyeff/4_interconnect.asp