

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY :
GROWTH PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF : **DOCKET NO. 4774**
CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL :
SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS :

ORDER

The Renewable Energy Growth Program¹ is a tariff-based financing program for renewable distributed energy generation systems. The program is only available under The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) tariffs.² The purpose of the program is to facilitate and encourage the installation and development of renewable distributed generation systems, reduce environmental impacts and carbon emissions, diversify generation sources, stimulate economic development, improve distribution system resilience and reliability, and reduce distribution system costs.³ Annually, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) reviews and approves an enrollment schedule, technology targets, and ceiling prices against which commercial and large scale projects compete for participation in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. The program year runs from April 1 to the following March 31. The 2018 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on February 9, 2018.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b) requires the Commission to review and issue Certificates of Eligibility for commercial-scale and large-scale projects that have been chosen by National Grid for participation in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Following each enrollment in the 2018 program year, National Grid has filed an Enrollment Report. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws

¹ R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1 to 27.

² R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-3(8).

³ R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1.

§ 39-26.6-20(b), the Enrollment Report includes a list of commercial-scale solar, large-scale solar, and all other distributed generation projects selected by National Grid for PUC approval. The pricing information for these projects is included in the Enrollment Report. Following PUC review and approval, National Grid files supplements to its approved tariffs populated with information for projects that have been awarded Certificates of Eligibility.

PUC Decision

On June 28, 2018, December 20, 2018, and January 7, 2019, the PUC reviewed and approved Certificates of Eligibility for sixteen projects, each for a term of twenty years. The PUC found that all of the projects were consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff enrollment rules. A summary of the projects awarded Certificates of Eligibility by the PUC follows.⁴

A. 2018 First Enrollment Report

On June 13, 2018, National Grid reported that it had selected one large scale solar Community Remote Distributed Generation project; three commercial scale solar projects; three large scale solar projects; and two large wind projects for which it requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility.

Pawtucket Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 999 kW, was selected at 15.90 cents per kWh. T1404, with a nameplate capacity of 650 kW, was selected at 16.95 cents per kWh. K and k Beach Solar LLC, with a nameplate capacity of 999 kW, was selected at 18.00 cents per kWh. Wood River Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 5,000 kW, was selected at 11.10 cents per kWh. Woodville Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 5,000 kW, was selected at 11.60 cents per kWh. Richmond Buttonwoods, with a nameplate capacity of 1,549 kW, was selected at 13.98 cents per

⁴ The Company's Open Enrollment Reports pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b) are available on the PUC website at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/NGrid-REG-EnrollmentRepts.html>.

kWh. WED Plainfield II, with a nameplate capacity of 3,000, was selected at 17.55 cents per kWh. WED Plainfield III, with a nameplate capacity of 3,000, was selected at 17.55 cents per kWh. Burrillville Solar LLC, with a nameplate capacity of 1,199, was selected at 18.50 cents per kWh.

B. 2018 Second Enrollment Report

On September 18, 2018, National Grid reported that it had selected one commercial scale solar Community Remote Distributed Generation project; one large scale solar Community Remote Distributed Generation project; and two commercial scale solar project for which it requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility.

85 Fairmount LLC, with a nameplate capacity of 999 kW, was selected at 17.50 cents per kWh. Grand Ave Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 964 kW, was selected at 19.35 cents per kWh. Palmer Circle Two Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 997 kW, was selected at 22.40 cents per kWh. South Road Solar, with a nameplate capacity of 1,800 kW, was selected at 18.90 cents per kWh.

C. 2018 Third Enrollment Report

On December 20, 2018, National Grid reported that it had selected one commercial scale solar project; one large scale solar project; and one small-scale hydropower project for which it requested that the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility.

40 Maxon Hill, with a nameplate capacity of 499 kW, was selected at 16.95 cents per kWh. Hop P2, with a nameplate capacity of 2,930 kW, was selected at 14.75 cents per kWh. Ashton Dam Hydro, a hydropower project with a nameplate capacity of 740 kW, was selected at 24.55 cents per kWh.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23383) ORDERED:

1. Certificates of Eligibility are awarded to Pawtucket Solar, T1404, K and k Beach Solar LLC, Wood River Solar, Woodville Solar, Richmond Buttonwoods, WED Plainfield II, WED Plainfield III, and Burrillville Solar LLC effective June 28, 2018.
2. Certificates of Eligibility are awarded to 85 Fairmount LLC, Grand Ave Solar, Palmer Circle Two Solar, and South Road Solar effective December 20, 2018.
3. Certificates of Eligibility are awarded to 40 Maxon Hill, Hop P2, and Ashton Dam Hydro effective January 7, 2019.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISIONS ON JUNE 28, 2018, DECEMBER 20, 2018, AND JANUARY 7, 2019. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 11, 2019.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Notice of Right of Appeal: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.