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IN RE: 2019 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH – :
CLASSES, CEILING PRICES AND CAPACITY :
TARGETS AND 2019 RENEWABLE ENERGY : DOCKET NO. 4892
GROWTH PROGRAM – TARIFFS AND SOLICITATION :
AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS RULES :

THE DISTIRBUTED GENERATION’S BOARD RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION’S
POST DECISIONAL DATA REQUESTS

Background Provided by Commission: On February 28, 2019, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) granted conditional approval to TG Developers Solar Carport (applicant) – 33 Appian Way generation unit, a 0.082MW solar facility located in Smithfield, Rhode Island, as an eligible new renewable energy resource. During the course of discovery, the applicant advised that the generation unit is enrolled through National Grid in the Renewable Energy Growth Program.

The project was awarded a Certificate of Eligibility in the Third Open Enrollment that took place in October 2017. It was awarded a 20-year tariff at 22.75 cents per kWh as a medium-scale solar project. [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4672-NGrid-2017-3rdEnrollment\(12-19-17\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4672-NGrid-2017-3rdEnrollment(12-19-17).pdf). The ceiling price/standard performance-based incentive was 22.75 cents per kWh for medium scale solar 26-250 kW. [http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4774-NGrid-Compliance\(3-29-18\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4774-NGrid-Compliance(3-29-18).pdf). The project has received it authority to interconnection from National Grid. Its expected commercial operation date is approximately March 15, 2019.

Request 1: Please explain how the award to the applicant was considered by the DG Board in setting the 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Program ceiling prices. If it was not considered, why was it not considered?

Response: The Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) was not aware that a medium scale solar class awarded project was using the ceiling price to install

a carport solar project.

Request 2: There is a 250kW carport net metering system at 681 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island. Please indicate whether the DG Board considered this project when setting ceiling prices. If it was not considered, please explain why not.

Response: The DG Board was not aware of this specific project awarded through the Renewable Energy Fund.

Respondent: Christopher Kearns, Office of Energy Resources

Date: March 29, 2019