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MEMORANDUM

To: Attorneys in Docket No. 4892
From: Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias, Chief of Legal Services
Date: January 9, 2019
Re: Docket No. 4892 – 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Program Briefing Question

At its September 6, 2018 Open Meeting, the Commissioners discussed expectations for the filing of carport targets and ceiling prices expected to be included in the filings for the 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Program year. The PUC questioned how carports are a different technology under the Renewable Energy Growth Program (R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-26.6-1 to 27). One of the specific questions was whether a different type of construction equated to a different technology under the statute.

The proposed renewable energy classes include the following, each with a different ceiling price:

Commercial Solar	251-999 kW DC
Commercial Solar Carport	251-999 kW DC
Large Solar	1 to 5 MW DC
Large Solar Carport	1 to 5 MW DC

Specifically referencing R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-26.6-3, 39-26.6-7, 39-26.6-8, and any other statutes within the Renewable Energy Growth Program, necessary for the analysis, please brief the following:

The statutory use of “class” and “classification” appears to refer to size. “Technology” appears to refer to the type of renewable energy resource converted to electrical energy (solar, wind, hydro, etc.) as set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-5(a). What is the statutory authority in the Renewable Energy Growth Program, or other authority, to create a separate solar carport category of the same size as another solar category?

Briefs are due January 23, 2019.