

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

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 4910-B
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY UNIVERSITY SOLAR, LLC :
– NEW GENERATION :**

ORDER

WHEREAS, On November 17, 2018, University Solar, LLC¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its University Solar – Solar Field Segment 2 Generation Unit, an 8 MW AC solar energy Generation Unit located in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource in accordance with the PUC's Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (Rules) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.6 and other relevant Sections of the Rules, a thirty-day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental and clarifying information was provided to PUC staff and their application review consultant from February 4, 2019 through October 25, 2019 in response to the application review consultant's request for said information from January 14, 2019 through October 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: a) the appropriate contact information for the primary contact, the backup contact, the Authorized Representative, the Owner of the Generation Unit, and the Operator of the

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Woody Rubin, 282 Century Place, Suite 2000 Louisville, CO 80027; Phone: (303) 681-1031.

Generation Unit, b) clarification regarding the nameplate capacity of the Generation Unit, c) a revised *Appendix B: Authorized Representative Certification for Non-Corporate Entities Other Than Individuals*, and d) a completed *Appendix D: Special Provisions for Aggregators of Customer-sited or Off-grid Generation Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the Rules and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1; and

WHEREAS, As a Grid-Connected, virtual net-metered facility, sufficient documentation was included in the application to confirm the independence of the verifier, the PUC hereby approves Trimark Associates, Inc. as an independent verifier; and

WHEREAS, The PUC's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company and the PUC may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's certification if any material information provided by the Company proves to be false or misleading.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23715) ORDERED:

1) The University Solar – Solar Field Segment 2 Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 8 MW AC, Grid-Connected, virtual net metered Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet reached and located within the NEPOOL control area in West Greenwich, Rhode Island.

2) As the Generation Unit has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, eligibility is granted with the conditional requirement that the Company provide the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and that the Company provide evidence of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL GIS Asset Identification Number designation, when assigned by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation.

3) Following receipt from the Company of acceptable written documentation supporting the Generation Unit's Commercial Operation Date, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

4) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the first day which the Rhode Island certification number is issued. All RECs associated with the production of eligible energy that are minted on or after the Effective Date are eligible for the Renewable Energy Standard.

5) Although the PUC will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the PUC, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Certification at any time at the PUC's discretion.

6) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
NOVEMBER 6, 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 seven 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.