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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket 4954 - 2019 Renewable Energy (RE) Growth Program Factor Filing Responses to PUC Requests – Set 2

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I have enclosed the Company's responses to data requests PUC 2-8, PUC 2-9, and PUC 2-11 in the above-referenced docket.

The Company's response to data request PUC 2-10 remains pending.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Very truly yours,



Raquel J. Webster

Enclosures

cc: Docket 4954 Service List
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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or the Company).

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PUC 2-8

Request:

How many CRDG resources are currently enrolled in the program? How many are expected annually in future program years?

Response:

Currently we have the following CRDG projects pending in our queue. We do not have any CRDG resources connected to our system.

RI CRDG Enrollment		
Year	# of projects	size MW
2019	3	4.994
2020	4	4.993
2021	3	4.975
TOTAL:	10	14.962

While we have limited historical data to formulate a trend for future years, the Company believes continue to receive 3-4 projects with total capacity of 5MW per year for future years.

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PUC 2-9

Request:

How many Shared Solar resources are currently enrolled in the program? How many are expected annually in future program years?

Response:

Currently, 20 Shared Solar resources with a total capacity of 144 kW are connected and enrolled in the RE Growth Program. In addition, the Company also has 13 resources with a total capacity of 88 kW that have applied and are pending enrollment.

Based on projects connected to date (2017-present), National Grid anticipates about seven Shared Solar projects with a capacity of about 50 kW to be connected per year. The Company expects this pace to remain consistent, though the Company acknowledges evolution of the program and consumer drivers may result in changes.

As limited data is available, it is difficult to determine a statistical forecast; therefore, the Company cannot forecast future growth in the program.

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PUC 2-11

Request:

For the Program Year ending March 31, 2019, was the annual 40 MW cap exceeded? If so, please provide an explanation for the exceedance, the number of systems, total exceedance, and the expected program costs associated with these facilities.

Response:

Currently the annual 40 MW cap for Program Year ending March 31, 2019 is not exceeded. Prior to the end of the Program Year, the program had been 438 kW over the 40 MW cap and therefore oversubscribed. However, due to cancellations, total enrollments now account for 38 MW and are beneath the annual cap.