

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY            :**  
**d/b/a NATIONAL GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY            :**            **DOCKET NO. 4983**  
**GROWTH PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF        :**  
**CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL     :**  
**SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS                   :**  
**PROGRAM YEAR 2020                                       :**

**ORDER  
(Second Enrollment)**

The Renewable Energy Growth Program<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> to the following March 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2020 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on February 18, March 3, and March 16, 2020.<sup>4</sup>

R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b) requires the PUC 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, National

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<sup>1</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1 to 27.

<sup>2</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-3(8).

<sup>3</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1.

<sup>4</sup> Order No. 23849 (June 23, 2020).

Grid files an Enrollment Report. Pursuant to the R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), National Grid filed the Second Enrollment Report for Program Year 2020 on September 15, 2020. National Grid reported that it had selected three projects for PUC approval, one of which was a commercial size solar project, one of which was a small wind project, and another of which was a solar carport, for a total nameplate capacity of 5,567 kW. National Grid requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility for each.<sup>5</sup> All projects had twenty-year terms and had bid in below their respective ceiling prices.

On October 7, 2020, the PUC reviewed and approved Certificates of Eligibility for each project, finding that in each instance, the projects were consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff enrollment rules. A copy of Attachment 1 to National Grid's Filing, "Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC)-Awarded Certificates," is marked as Appendix A, is attached hereto, and is incorporated into this order.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23934) ORDERED:

1. Certificates of Eligibility are awarded to the projects listed in Appendix A to this Order.

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<sup>5</sup> Second Enrollment Report (Oct. 7, 2020; <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4983-NGrid-2020%20Second%20Open%20Enrollment%20Report%209-15-20.pdf>).

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING  
DECISION ON OCTOBER 7, 2020. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER 29, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairperson



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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

**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.

# APPENDIX A

The Narragansett Electric Company  
d/b/a National Grid  
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Attachment 1  
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## Second 2020 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program Open Enrollment Report

National Grid selected three projects for certificates of eligibility in the Second 2020 Open Enrollment, totaling 5,567 kW of project nameplate capacity.

### Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC)-Awarded Certificates

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), National Grid is submitting the attached list of Commercial-Scale Solar, Large-Scale (Solar Carport) Solar and Small Wind selected by National Grid with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this list of projects.

### Second 2020 Open Enrollment Results

<b>Project &amp; Location</b>	<b>Nameplate Capacity (kW)</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Price (¢/kWh)</b>	<b>Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)</b>	<b>Tariff Term</b>
Toray Plastics 50 Belver Ave North Kingstown, RI 02852	572	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	18.00	18.25	20
333 Strawberry 333 Strawberry Field Rd Warwick, RI 02886	3,995	Large-Scale Solar (1,000- 5,000 kW DC) <b>Solar Carport Project</b>	13.64 <u>+ 6.00</u> 19.64	13.65	20
Ecogy Energy RI VII LLC 0 Cornell Rd Tiverton, RI 02837	1,000	Small Wind (50-1,5000 kW DC)	18.73	18.85	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,567</b>				