

**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
(First Enrollment)**

The Renewable Energy Growth Program¹ 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.² 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.³ 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 1st to the following March 31st. The 2020 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on February 18, March 3, and March 16, 2020.⁴

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

¹ R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1 to 27.

² R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-3(8).

³ R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1.

⁴ 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 First Enrollment Report for Program Year 2020 on June 22, 2020. There were twenty-six total projects, including fifteen small and medium sized projects not requiring PUC approval. These projects had a nameplate capacity totaling 3,000 kW.

National Grid reported that it had selected eleven commercial or large-scale projects for PUC approval, all of which were solar, including one community remote distributed generation and two carports, for a total nameplate capacity of 18,178 kW. National Grid requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility for each.⁵ All projects had twenty-year terms and had bid in below their respective ceiling prices.

On August 12, 2020, the PUC reviewed and approved Certificates of Eligibility for eleven projects, each for twenty-year terms, 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

(23878) ORDERED:

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

⁵ First Enrollment Report (June 22, 2020); <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4983-NGrid-1stEnrollment%206-22-20.pdf>.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON AUGUST 12, 2020. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON AUGUST 19, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairperson



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



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

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 and Community Remote Distributed Generation Commercial Solar (including Solar Carport) projects selected by National Grid with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this list of projects.

First 2020 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Redwood Carport 24 Martin Street Cumberland, RI 02864	254	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC) - Solar Carport Project	16.25 <u>+ 6.00</u> 22.25	18.25	20
Ecogy Energy RI VI LLC 70 Boyd Ave East Providence, RI 02914	270	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC) - Solar Carport Project	16.97 <u>+ 6.00</u> 22.97	18.25	20
Dean WH Cumberland HQ 70 Industrial Road Cumberland, RI 02864	447	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	17.15	18.25	20
Festival Fields Solar 90 Girard Ave. Newport, RI 02840	434	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	17.50	18.25	20
SSEPC Seven Mile 999kW 1335 Seven Mile Road Cranston, RI 02831	999	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	17.93	18.25	20
SSV Seven Mile Road 999kW 1325 Seven Mile Road Cranston, RI 02831	999	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	17.93	18.25	20
GD Hopkinton Main 310 Main St Hopkinton, RI 02804	4,555	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	12.49	13.65	20
Fothergill 10 Crandall Lane Hopkinton, RI 02804	3,999	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	12.74	13.65	20
WED Coventry Seven 5641 Flat River Road Coventry, RI 02827	4,200	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	12.75	13.65	20
Church Street Solar 391 Church St Richmond, RI 02894	1,321	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	13.47	13.65	20
Saint John Solar 138 Clear River Dr Burrillville, RI 02830	700	CRDG Commercial Solar (251-999 kW DC)	20.91	20.99	20
Total	18,178				