

**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
(Third 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 Third Enrollment Report for Program Year 2020 on December 21, 2020. National Grid reported that it had selected six commercial, large-scale, and CRDG projects for PUC approval, for a total nameplate capacity of 8,807 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 January 22, 2021, 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

(23992) ORDERED:

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

⁵ Third Enrollment Report (Dec. 21, 2020; [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4983-NGrid-REG2020-ThirdEnrollment%20\(12-22-20\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4983-NGrid-REG2020-ThirdEnrollment%20(12-22-20).pdf)).

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON JANUARY 22, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 9, 2021.

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.

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.

Third 2020 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Coventry Lumber 2030 Nooseneck Hill Rd Coventry, RI 02816	392	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	18.00	18.25	20
6 Jefferson 6 Jefferson Dr Coventry, RI 02816	658	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	18.00	18.25	20
RIPAC 0 Knight Street Warwick, RI 02886	998	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	18.00	18.25	20
Ten Rod Rd 0 Ten Rod Rd Lot 36 2 2 Exeter, RI 02822	998	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-999 kW DC)	18.14	18.25	20
North Kingstown Solar LLC 170 Hamilton Allenton Road North Kingstown, RI 02852	2,766	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	13.64	13.65	20
GD Middletown West Main I LLC 1747 West Main Road Middletown, RI 02842	2,995	CRDG Large Solar (1,000 – 5,000 kW DC)	15.60	15.70	20
Total	8,807				