

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY : **DOCKET NO. 5088**
GROWTH PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF :
CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL :
SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS :
PROGRAM YEAR 2021 :

**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 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on February 18 and March 29, 2021.⁴

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

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 Minutes of Commission Open Meetings held on February 18, 2021; <https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/Common/DownloadMeetingFiles?FilePath=\Minutes\439\2021\394232.pdf>; and March 29, 2021; <https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/Common/DownloadMeetingFiles?FilePath=\Minutes\439\2021\394231.pdf>.

for participation in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Following each enrollment, National 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 2021 on June 24, 2021. National Grid reported that it had selected thirteen commercial, large-scale, and Community Remote Distributed Generation projects for PUC approval, for a total nameplate capacity of 26,071 kW. National Grid requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility for each.⁵ All projects had twenty-year terms and had bid in at or below their respective ceiling prices.

On July 27, 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. One project was composed of a combination rooftop and solar carport installations. The carport portion is allowed an additional ceiling price adder. The COE includes the following note: “Any change in the DC nameplate rating of a Solar Carport portion of a project as built must be provided to the Company prior to Authority to Interconnect, and adjustments to the Solar Carport Adder will be reflected in the final Certificate of Eligibility provided to the Customer.” 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. However, the Company shall file with the Commission a final COE for the Ecogy Energy RI XXI LLC project once the final ceiling price with adder is determined.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24254) ORDERED:

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

⁵ First Enrollment Report (June 24, 2021); http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088-%20NGRID-1st%20Enrollment_06-24-21.pdf.

2. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid shall file a final Certificate of Eligibility for the Ecogy Energy RI XXI LLC project once the final ceiling price with adder is determined.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON JULY 27, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., 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 (including Solar Carport), Large-Scale Solar, Community Remote Distributed Generation Commercial Solar and Hydropower projects selected by National Grid with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this list of projects.

First 2021 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Green Development LLC 177519 0 Ten Rod Road Exeter, RI 02822	750	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC)	15.25	18.55	20
Revyt Shore Drive Solar 2 87 Shore Drive Johnston, RI 02919	749	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC)	17.47	18.55	20
Revyt Frontier Road Solar 3 35 Frontier Road Ashaway, RI 02804	749	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC)	17.48	18.55	20
Ecogy Energy RI XXI LLC 1113 Warwick Ave Warwick, RI 02888	514	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC) - Solar Carport Project	17.65 <u>+ 3.39</u> 21.04	18.55	20
30 Martin St Solar Carport 30 Martin St Cumberland, RI 02864	661	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC) - Solar Carport Project	18.25 <u>+ 5.00</u> 23.25	18.55	20
Weaver Hill Solar 0 Weaver Hill Road West Greenwich, RI 02817	999	Commercial-Scale Solar (751-999 kW DC)	15.20	15.25	20
Green Development LLC 176434 0 Flat River Road Coventry, RI 02827	998	Commercial-Scale Solar (751-999 kW DC)	15.20	15.25	20
Woodville Solar 36 Woodville Road Richmond, RI 02832	5,000	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	10.94	11.35	20
GD Johnston Scituate I LLC 0 Scituate Ave Johnston, RI 02919	4,678	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	11.25	11.35	20
Green Development LLC 206316 394 Brayton Rd Tiverton, RI 02878	4,999	Large-Scale Solar (1,000-5,000 kW DC)	11.30	11.35	20
Green Development LLC 178177 99 Ten Rod Rd Exeter, RI 02822	2,942	Large-Scale Solar (1,000 - 5,000 kW)	11.35	11.35	20
Green Development LLC 177675 84 Exeter Road Exeter, RI 02822	2,300	Community Remote DG Large Solar (1,000 - 5,000 kW)	12.95	13.05	20

Central Falls Hydro Project 1485 High Street Central Falls, RI 02863	732	Hydropower (1-5,000 kW)	26.97	27.35	20
Total	26,071				