

**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
(Second 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 Second Enrollment Report for Program Year 2021 on September 22, 2021. National Grid reported that it had selected one commercial carport project for PUC approval, for a total nameplate capacity of 429 kW. National Grid requested the PUC award a Certificate of Eligibility.⁵ The project had a twenty-year term and had bid in at or below the ceiling price.

On October 14, 2021, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificate of Eligibility, finding that the project was consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff enrollment rules.

⁵ Second Enrollment Report (Sept. 22, 2021); [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088-NGrid-Second%20Enrollment%20Filing%20\(09-22-2021\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088-NGrid-Second%20Enrollment%20Filing%20(09-22-2021).pdf).

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24255) ORDERED:

Certificate of Eligibility is awarded to the project listed in Appendix A to this Order.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON OCTOBER 14, 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.

Second 2021 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program Open Enrollment Report

National Grid selected one project for a certificate of eligibility in the Second 2021 Open Enrollment, totaling 429 kW of project nameplate capacity.

Distribution Company-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 providing the attached list of medium-scale solar projects that have been awarded certificates of eligibility in the Second Open Enrollment that occurred in July 2021.

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
No Projects selected due to limit capacity in the Medium-Scale Solar Renewable Energy Class.					
Total	0				

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 a Commercial-Scale Solar (Solar Carport) project selected by National Grid with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this project.

Second 2021 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Patriot PV Carport 204 Hartford Ave. Providence, RI 02909	429	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC) - Solar Carport Project	17.99 <u>+ 5.00</u> 22.99	18.55	20
Total	429				