

**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
(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 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 Third Enrollment Report for Program Year 2021 on December 21, 2021. National Grid reported that it had selected three projects for PUC approval, for a total nameplate capacity of 6,070 kW. National Grid reported that it had selected one commercial scale solar project, one commercial scale solar carport project, and one large scale solar project. National Grid requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility for all three projects.⁵

On January 12, 2022, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificates of Eligibility, finding that the project was consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff enrollment rules.

⁵ Third Enrollment Report (December 21, 2021); <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088-NGrid-COE%203rd%20Enrollment%2012-21-21.pdf>.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24293) ORDERED:

1. Certificates of Eligibility are awarded to the projects listed in Appendix A to this Order.
2. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid shall file a final Certificate of Eligibility for the 1558 South County Carport project once the final ceiling price with adder is determined.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON JANUARY 12, 2022. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON JANUARY 14, 2022.

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) and Large-Scale Solar projects selected by National Grid with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this list of projects.

Third 2021 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
129 BROOKSIDE AVE 129 Brookside Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893	686	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC)	17.47	18.55	20
1558 SOUTH COUNTY CARPORT 1558 South Country Trail Road East Greenwich, RI 02818	384	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-750 kW DC) Solar Carport Project	18.50 <u>+ 5.00</u> 23.50	18.55	20
Murphy Highway Industrial Solar 215 James P Murphy Industrial Hwy West Warwick, RI 02893	5,000	Large-Scale Solar (1,000 - 5,000 kW)	11.35	11.35	20
Total	6,070				