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Via Electronic Filing and First Class Mail

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Quinebaug Solar, LLC; Renewable Energy Standard Certification Application

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am writing on behalf of Quinebaug Solar, LLC ("Quinebaug") in connection with the above-referenced RES application for prospective certification of Quinebaug as a Renewable Energy Resource. Quinebaug's anticipated commercial operation date is to no later than January 31, 2022. As such, Quinebaug is requesting prospective certification pursuant to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("PUC") Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (Rules) and R.I. Gen. Laws. § 39-26-1, as well as applicable PUC precedent.¹

Please feel free to contact the undersigned or Brian J. Murphy of Quinebaug Solar, LLC at 561-694-3814 or brian.j.murphy@nexteraenergy.com should you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samantha M. Regan Samantha M. Regan

¹ See, e.g. Docket No. 5104, 3100 Diamond Hill Road Solar - Application for Eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource Generation Unit, Order No. 24013 (April 5, 2021); Docket No. 5072, Janus Solar Fund II LLC - Renewable Energy Resource Certification Application for Generation: Three M Woonsocket Case, Order No. 23945 (November 18, 2020); Docket No. 5068, Sanford Airport Solar LLC - Renewable Energy Resource Certification Application for Generation: Sanford Airport Solar, Order No. 23932 (October 29, 2020).

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RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES ELIGIBILITY FORM

The Standard Application Form

Required of all Applicants for Certification of Eligibility of Renewable Energy Resource
(Version 9 – April 19, 2021)

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act Title 810, Chapter 40, Subchapter 05, Part 2 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island

NOTICE:

- When completing this Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form and any applicable Appendices, please refer to the State of Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard 810-RICR-40-05-2 (RES Rules), and the associated RES Certification Filing Methodology Guide. All applicable regulations, procedures and guidelines are available on the Commission's web site: www.ripuc.ri.gov/utilityinfo/res.html.
- Please submit one original of the completed Application Form, applicable Appendices, and all supporting documentation to the Commission at the following address:

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Attn: Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk 89 Jefferson Blvd Warwick, RI 02888

- Electronic submittals are also required and should be sent to <u>Res.filings@puc.ri.gov</u>.
- In addition to filing with the Commission, Applicants are required to send an electronic copy of the application and supporting documents to the service list located at

 http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/utilityinfo/reslist.doc.
- Keep a copy of the completed Application for your records.
- The Commission will notify the Authorized Representative if the Application is incomplete.
- Pursuant to RES Rules Section 2.6(A)(3), the Commission shall provide a thirty (30) day period for public comment following posting of any administratively complete Application. All information submitted with the Application is considered to be a public record unless the Commission deems some portion of the application confidential after consideration under Rules of Practice and Procedure 810-RICR-00-00-1, Section 1.3(H)(3). It is the applicant's responsibility to request confidential treatment and to provide redacted copies to the Commission and the service list.
- Questions related to this Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form can be submitted to Res.filings@puc.ri.gov.

SECTION I: Identification Information

1.1	Name of Generation Unit (sufficient for full and unique identification, and consistent with the Generation Unit name listed on the NEPOOL GIS, if currently listed):							
	Quinebaug Solar							
1.2	Type of Certification being requested (note: if the Generation Unit has not yet achieved Commercial Operation, check Prospective Certification/Declaratory Judgement): ☐ Standard Certification ☐ Prospective Certification (Declaratory Judgment)							
1.3	 This Application includes: (Check all and only those that apply) Appendix A: Authorized Representative Certification for Individual Owner Appendix B: Authorized Representative Certification for Non-Corporate Entities Other Than Individuals, including Limited Liability Companies (LLC) Note: Please refer to Section 6.1, Corporations, for required evidence certifying Authorized Representative. Appendix C: Existing Renewable Energy Resources Appendix D: Special Provisions for Aggregators of Customer-sited, Off-grid Generation, or RI-sited Remote Net Metered Facilities Appendix E: Special Provisions for a Generation Unit Located in a Control Area Adjacent to NEPOOL Appendix F: Fuel Source Plan for Eligible (including Unlisted) Biomass Fuels 							
1.4	Primary Contact Person Name and title: A. José De Armas, Senior Project Manager							
	Address: 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408							
	Phone: 647-838-5774 Email: Jose.DeArmas@nexteraenergy.com							
1.5	Name and title: Keddy Chandran, Director Northeast Development Address: 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408							
	Phone: 561-691-7274							
	Email: Keddy.Chandran@nexteraenergy.com							
1.6	Authorized Representative (the individual responsible for certifying the accuracy of all information contained in this form and associated appendices, and whose signature will							

appear on the application):

	Name and title: Anthony Pedroni, Vice President
	Company: Quinebaug Solar, LLC
	Address: 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408
	Phone: 561-304-5622
	Email: Anthony.Pedroni@nexteraenergy.com
	Appendix A or B, or Corporate Authorization (as appropriate) completed and attached? ■ Yes □ No
1.7	Owner
	Name and title: Quinebaug Solar, LLC
	Company: Quinebaug Solar, LLC
	Address: 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408
	Phone: 647-838-5774
	Email: Jose.DeArmas@nexteraenergy.com
1.8	Owner business organization type (check one): Individual Partnership (including Limited Liability Company and other Non-Corporate Entities) Corporation Other: LLC
1.9	Operator
	Name and title: Quinebaug Solar, LLC
	Company: Quinebaug Solar, LLC
	Address: 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408
	Phone: 647-838-5774
	Email: Jose.DeArmas@nexteraenergy.com
1.10	Operational business organization type (check one): Individual Partnership (including Limited Liability Company and other Non-Corporate Entities)
	□ Corporation □ Other: LLC

SECTION II: Generation Unit Information, Fuels, Energy Resources and Technologies

2.1	NEPOOL GIS Identification Number (if assigned yet, along with appropriate MSS, NON or IMP designation): 69801
	For facilities enrolled in the RI Renewable Energy Growth Program: National Grid will provide the participant with an MSS ID.
2.2	Nameplate Capacity (list AC, and DC if applicable): 49.36 MW ACMW DC
2.3	Maximum Demonstrated Capacity (list AC, and DC if applicable): MW ACMW DC
2.4	Please indicate which of the following Eligible Renewable Energy Resources are used by the Generation Unit: (Check ALL that apply) — per RES Rules Section 2.5 Direct Solar Radiation The wind Movement of or the latent heat of the ocean The heat of the earth Small hydro facilities Biomass facilities using Eligible Biomass Fuels (per RES Rules Section 2.3(A)(7) Biomass facilities using unlisted biomass fuel (per RES Rules Section 2.3(A)(7)(a) Fuel cells using a renewable resource referenced in this section
2.5	For small hydro facilities, please certify that the facility's aggregate capacity does not exceed 30 MW. – per RES Rules Section 2.3(A)(32) \subset check this box to certify that the above statement is true \blacksquare N/A
2.6	For small hydro facilities, please certify that the facility does not involve any new impoundment or diversion of water with an average salinity of twenty (20) parts per thousand or less. – per RES Rules Section 2.3(A)(32) $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $
2.7	For biomass facilities: Appendix F completed and attached? ☐ Yes (Please specify fuel or fuels used or to be used in the unit) ☐ N/A
2.8	Has the Generation Unit been certified as a Renewable Energy Resource for eligibility in another state's renewable portfolio standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes," a copy of each state's certifying order is attached? ☐ ← check this box to certify that the above statement is true

SECTION III: Commercial Operation Date

Please provide documentation to support all claims and responses to the following questions:

3.1	Date Generation Unit first entered Commercial Operation or, if not yet in operation, the anticipated Commercial Operation Date: O1 / 31 / 2022
	If the Commercial Operation date is after December 31, 1997, please provide independent verification, such as the utility log or metering data, showing that the meter first spun after December 31, 1997. For facilities located in Rhode Island, a copy of National Grid's Authorization to Interconnect letter would also be sufficient. This documentation is needed in order to verify that the facility qualifies as a New Renewable Energy Resource. Documentation of Commercial Operation Date attached? Yes No
3.2	Is there an Existing Renewable Energy Resource located at the site of Generation Unit?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.3	If the date entered in response to question 3.1 is on or earlier than December 31, 1997 or if you checked "Yes" in response to question 3.2 above, please complete Appendix C. Appendix C completed and attached? ☐ Yes ☐ N/A
3.4	Was all or any part of the Generation Unit used on or before December 31, 1997 to generate electricity at any other site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3.5	If you checked "Yes" to question 3.4 above, please specify the power production equipment used and the address where such power production equipment produced electricity (attach more detail if the space provided is not sufficient):
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SECT	FION IV: Metering									
4.1	Please indicate how the Generation Unit's electrical energy output is verified: ☐ ISO-NE Market Settlement System ☐ Other, including Self-Reported to the NEPOOL GIS Administrator (please specific below and complete Appendix D):									
	For "Other," Appendix D completed and attached? Yes No									
	For facilities enrolled in the RI Renewable Energy Growth Program: National Grid will be reporting output to the ISO-NE Market Settlement System.									
4.2	 Please check one of the following that apply to the Generation Unit: Grid Connected Generation Connected directly to a utility transmission or distribution system with only station load at the unit site Units participating in the RI Renewable Energy Growth Program fall in this category. Off-Grid Generation 									
	 Not connected to a utility transmission or distribution system Customer-Sited Generation Connected on the end-use customer side of a retail electricity meter in such a manner that it displaces all or part of the metered consumption of the end-use customer, other than station load Traditional behind-the-meter net metering falls in this category. Units located outside Rhode Island with this configuration will be deemed ineligible by PUC (see RES Rules Section 2.6(H)(1) (see also Order No. 23710, http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4858-4891- 									
	 Kearsarge%20Ord23710%2011-12-2019.pdf Remote Customer-Sited Generation Connected directly to the local electric utility distribution grid with only station load All or some of the electrical energy from the unit is designated for use in displacing all or part of the retail electricity metered consumption of one or 									
	more end-use customers (including through a transfer of bill credits) o "Virtual" and "remote" front-of-the-meter net metering falls in this category.									

Units located outside Rhode Island with this configuration have been found ineligible by the PUC (see Order 23710,
 http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4858-4891-Kearsarge%20Ord23710%2011-12-2019.pdf).

(Generation Unit address:
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	Please provide the Generation Unit's geographic location information: A. Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
	3. Longitude/Latitude://
T	The Generation Unit is located: (please check the appropriate box) In the NEPOOL control area In a control area adjacent to the NEPOOL control area
	In a control area other than NEPOOL which is not adjacent to the NEPOOL control area ← If you checked this box, then the generator is ineligible.
а	f you checked "In a control area adjacent to the NEPOOL control area" in Section 5.4 bove, please complete Appendix E. Appendix E completed and attached?
	Yes
	O No
	■ N/A

SECTION VI: Certification

SECTION V: Location

6.1 Please attach documentation, using one of the applicable forms below, to demonstrate the authority of the Authorized Representative provided in Section 1.6.

Corporations

The Authorized Representative of the Corporation shall provide either:

- (a) Evidence of a Board of Directors' vote granting authority to the Authorized Representative to execute the Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form, or
- (b) A certification from the Corporate Clerk or Secretary of the Corporation that the Authorized Representative is authorized to execute the Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form or is otherwise authorized to legally bind the Corporation in like matters.¹

¹ If the Corporation has only one sole Officer, it is acceptable for that Officer to provide signatory certification of same as Authorized Representative.

Evidence of Board Vote provided?
☐ Yes
□ No
■ N/A
Corporate Certification provided? ☐ Yes
□ No
■ N/A
<u>Individuals</u>
If the Owner is an Individual, that Individual shall complete and attach Appendix A, or a similar form of certification from the Owner, duly notarized, that certifies that the Authorized Representative has authority to execute the Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form.
Appendix A completed and attached? ☐ Yes
□ No
■ N/A
Non-Corporate Entities
(Limited Liability Companies - LLCs, Proprietorships, Partnerships, Cooperatives, etc.) If the Owner is neither an Individual nor a Corporation, it shall complete and attach Appendix B or execute a resolution indicating that the Authorized Representative named in Section 1.6 has authority to execute the Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form or to otherwise legally bind the non-corporate entity in like matters.
Appendix B completed and attached? ■ Yes □ No □ N/A

6.2 Authorized Representative Certification and Signature:

I hereby certify, under pains and penalties of perjury, that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein and based upon my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties, both civil and criminal, for submitting false information, including possible fines and punishment. My signature below certifies all information submitted on this Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form. The Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Form includes the Standard Application Form and all required Appendices and attachments. I acknowledge that the Generation Unit is obligated to and will notify the Commission promptly in the event of a change in a generator's eligibility status (including, without limitation, the status of the air permits) and that when and if, in the Commission's opinion, after due consideration, there is a material change in the characteristics of a Generation Unit or its fuel stream that could alter its eligibility, such Generation Unit must be re-certified in accordance with RES Rules Section 2.6(E). I further acknowledge that the Generation Unit is obligated to and will file such quarterly or other reports as required by the Rules and the Commission in its certification order. I understand that the Generation Unit will be immediately de-certified if it fails to file such reports.

SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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Anthony Pedroni	
(Printed Name of Signatory)	
Vice President	
(Title)	
Quinebaug Solar, LLC	
(Company)	

GIS Certification #:	

APPENDIX A (Revised 4/19/2021) (Required when Owner is An Individual)

l,					, as	Own	er named	l in Secti	on 1.7 of	f the
Generation Unit named in Section 1.1 of the attached Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility										
Form,	under	the	pains	and	penalties	of	perjury,	hereby	certify	that
		ě s		. 9	, name	d in Se	ction 1.6 o	f the attac	hed Applica	ation,
, named in Section 1.6 of the attached Application, is authorized to execute this Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Form.										
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APPENDIX B (Revised 4/19/2021)

(Required When Owner is a Non-Corporate Entity Other Than An Individual)

RESOLUT	TION OF A	UTHORIZATION		
Resolved	d: that	Anthony Pedroni		named in
		Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility cute the Application on the behalf of		
		in Section 1.7 of the Generation Unit na		
s	SIGNATURE		DATE:	5/2021
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APPENDIX C (Revised 4/19/2021)

(Required of all Applicants with Generation Units at the Site of Existing Renewable Energy Resources)

If the Generation Unit: (1) first entered into commercial operation on or before December 31, 1997; or (2) is located at the exact site of an Existing Renewable Energy Resource, please complete the following and attach documentation, as necessary to support all responses:

C.1	Is the Generating Unit seeking certification, either in whole or in part, as a New Renewable Energy Resource? ☐ Yes ☐ No
C.2	If you answered "Yes" to question C.1, please complete the remainder of Appendix C. If you answered "No" and are seeking certification entirely as an Existing Renewable Energy Resource, you do NOT need to complete the remainder of Appendix C.
C.3	If an Existing Renewable Energy Resource is/was located at the site, has such Existing Renewable Energy Resource been retired and replaced with the new Generation Unit at the same site? Yes No
C.4	Is the Generation Unit a Repowered Generation Unit (as defined in RES Rules Section 2.3(A)(29)) which uses Eligible Renewable Energy Resources and which first entered commercial operation after December 31, 1997 at the site of an existing Generation Unit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
C.5	If you checked "Yes" to question C.4 above, please provide documentation to support that the entire output of the Repowered Generation Unit first entered commercial operation after December 31, 1997.
C.6	Is the Generation Unit a multi-fuel facility in which an Eligible Biomass Fuel is first cofired with fossil fuels after December 31, 1997? ☐ Yes ☐ No
C.7	If you checked "Yes" to question C.6 above, please provide documentation to support that the renewable energy fraction of the energy output first occurred after December 31, 1997.

C.8	Is the Generation Unit an Existing Renewable Energy Resource other than ar Intermittent Resource (as defined in RES Rules Sections 2.3(10) and 2.3(15))? ☐ Yes ☐ No
C.9	If you checked "Yes" to question C.8 above, please attach evidence of completed capital investments after December 31, 1997 attributable to efficiency improvements of additions of capacity that are sufficient to, were intended to, and can be demonstrated to increase annual electricity output in excess of ten percent (10%). As specified in RES Rules Section 2.3(23)(e), the determination of incremental production shall not be based on any operational changes at such facility not directly associated with the efficiency improvements or additions of capacity.
	Please provide the single proposed percentage of production to be deemed incremental, attributable to the efficiency improvements or additions of capacity placed in service after December 31, 1997. Please make this calculation by comparing actual electrical output over the three calendar years 1995-1997 (the "Historical Generation Baseline") with the actual output following the improvements. The incremental production above the Historical Generation Baseline will be considered "New" generation for the purposes of RES. Please give the percentage of the facility's total output that qualifies as such to be considered "New" generation.
C.10	Is the Generating Unit an Existing Renewable Energy Resource that is an Intermittent Resource? Yes No
C.11	If you checked "Yes" to question C.10 above, please attach evidence of completed capital investments after December 31, 1997 attributable to efficiency improvements or additions of capacity that are sufficient to, were intended to, and have demonstrated on a normalized basis to increase annual electricity output in excess of ten percent (10%). The determination of incremental production shall not be based on any operational changes at such facility not directly associated with the efficiency improvements or additions of capacity. In no event shall any production that would have existed during the Historical Generation Baseline period in the absence of the efficiency improvements or additions to capacity be considered incremental production. Please refer to RES Rules Section 2.3(23)(f) for further guidance.

C.12 If you checked "Yes" to C.10, provide the single proposed percentage of production to be deemed incremental, attributable to the efficiency improvements or additions of capacity placed in service after December 31, 1997. The incremental production above the Historical Generation Baseline will be considered "New" generation for the purposes of RES. Please make this calculation by comparing actual monthly electrical output over the three calendar years 1995-1997 (the "Historical Generation Baseline") with the actual output following the improvements on a normalized basis. Please provide back-up information sufficient for the Commission to make a determination of this incremental production percentage.

For example, for small hydro facilities, please use historical river flow data to create a monthly normalized comparison (e.g. average MWh produced per cubic foot/second of river flow for each month) between actual output values post-improvements with the Historical Generation Baseline. For solar and wind facilities, please use historical solar irradiation, wind flow, or other applicable data to normalize the facility's current production against the Historical Generation Baseline.

C.13	If you checked	"No" to both (C.3 and C.4 above,	, please comple	ete the following:
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- a. Was the Existing Renewable Energy Resource located at the exact site at any time during calendar years 1995 through 1997?
 ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
- b. If you checked "Yes" in Subsection (a) above, please provide the Generation Unit Asset Identification Number and the average annual electrical production (MWhs) for the three calendar years 1995 through 1997, or for the first 36 months after the Commercial Operation Date if that date is after December 31, 1994, for each such Generation Unit.
- c. Please attach a copy of the derivation of the average provided in (b) above, along with documentation support (such as ISO reports) for the information provided in Subsection (b) above. Data must be consistent with quantities used for ISO Market Settlement System.

APPENDIX D (Revised 4/19/2021)

(Required of Applicants Seeking Eligibility for Customer-Sited and/or Off-Grid Generation Facilities, Rhode Island-Located Remote Net Metered Facilities, and Associated Aggregations)

Customer-sited, remote net metered, and off-grid Generation Facilities (see Section IV) physically located in Rhode Island may be certified as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource if their NEPOOL GIS Certificates are created from the verified electrical generation of a single Rhode Island-sited Generation Unit, or by way of a Commission-certified aggregation of Generation Units located in Rhode Island that use the same generation technology. Please complete the following and attach documentation, as necessary to support all responses:

D.1	Gene the a	eligible aggregations, please identify the location(s) in Rhode Island of each ration Unit in the aggregation (provide attachments if extra space is needed), or if pplication is for a single Rhode Island-sited Generation Unit, please provide the and location of the single Generation Unit site.				
D.2	Please propose procedures under which the aggregate Generation Unit(s) will operate ("Aggregation Agreement"). In accordance with RES Rules Section 2.6(H)(4), the proposed Aggregation Agreement shall contain the following information:					
	(a)	Name and contact information of the Aggregator (or single site) Owner, to which these regulations and stipulations of certification shall apply, and who shall be the initial owner of any NEPOOL GIS Certifications so certified;				
		Name and title:				
		Company:				
		Address				
		Phone:				
		Phone:Email:				

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¹ Reasons for ruling that a Verifier is not sufficiently independent include, but are not limited to: i) If one entity owns, directly or indirectly, or if a natural person so owns, 10% or more of the voting stock or other equity interest in the other entity; ii) If 10% or more of the voting stock or other equity interests in both entities are owned, directly or indirectly, by the same entity or a natural person; or iii) If one entity is a natural person, and such entity or a member of such entity's immediate family is an officer, director, partner, employee or representative of the other entity.

aggregator. In no instances will an aggregation be certified in which the Verifie is compensated in a manner linked to the number of NEPOOL GIS Certificate created by the aggregation; Please confirm and describe how, no less frequently than quarterly, the Verifie will directly enter into the NEPOOL GIS the quantity of energy production in the applicable time period from each Generation Unit in the aggregation. The entr of generation data by the Verifier must be through an interface designated for	Please describe the proposed operating procedures for the aggregation (o single-site generation unit), by which the Aggregation Owner shall ensure that individual Generation Units in the aggregation comply with all eligibility requirements and that the NEPOOL GIS Certificates created accurately represent generation; ²
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² At a minimum, these procedures will: i) require a determination by the Aggregation Owner that the Generation Unit is in compliance with these Renewable Energy Standard rules and the Aggregation Agreement as approved by the Commission, and an independent determination by the Verifier that the Generation Unit exists; ii) require a meter reading procedure that allows the Verifier to read meters on the Generation Units; meter readings may be manual or remote and via the aggregators own system or via an independent system, but in all cases shall comply with NEPOOL GIS Operating Rules regarding metering; iii) require confirmation that Verifier will be entering the quantity of energy production in to the NEPOOL GIS system as described in paragraph (g) for NEPOOL GIS to create NEPOOL GIS Certificates; and iv) include a procedure for the Verifier to report to the Commission on the results of their verification process.

³ Such generation data shall not include any generation data from previous time periods, except as provided for in this section. Output of less than one MWh by any single Generation Unit within the aggregation may be applied to the entire aggregation's generation, and generation of the aggregation less than one full MWh may be applied to the subsequent quarter in accordance with NEPOOL GIS Operating Rules.

D.3	Appli	cant must acknowledge that.
	(a)	any changes to or deviations from the Aggregation Agreement will be considered a change in generator status, and will require recertification by the Commission; □ ← please check this box to acknowledge this requirement □ N/A or other (please explain)
	(b)	the Commission will be promptly notified of any changes to or deviations from the Aggregation Agreement; and ☐ ← please check this box to acknowledge this requirement ☐ N/A or other (please explain)
	(c)	in the event that notice of such changes or deviations is not promptly given, all Generation Units in the aggregation may be de-certified. □ ← please check this box to acknowledge this requirement □ N/A or other (please explain)
D.4	If the the-m 2.3(20 connection)	Generation Unit (or aggregation of generation units) is a Customer-sited (behind-leter) or Off-grid Generation Facility, as defined in RES Rules Sections 2.3(5) and 6), respectively, or a Customer-sited (grid connected) or Remote Net Metered (grid leted) Generation Facility, the associated Generation Attributes have not wise been, nor will be sold, retired, claimed or represented as part of electrically output or sales, or used to satisfy obligations in jurisdictions other than Rhode. — Chease check this box to certify that this statement is true — N/A or other (please explain)

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APPENDIX E (Revised 4/19/2021)

(Required of all Applicants Located in a Control Area Adjacent to NEPOOL)

Please complete the following and attach documentation, as necessary to support all responses:

E.1	Please indicate in which Control Area adjacent to NEPOOL the Generation Unit is located: ☐ New York ☐ Hydro Quebec ☐ Maritimes (including Northern Maine Independent System Administrator)
E.2	Applicant must provide to the Commission by July 1 st of each year assurances that the Generation Unit's New Renewable Energy Resources used for compliance with the Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Act during the previous Compliance Year have not otherwise been, nor will be, sold, retired, claimed or represented as part of electrical energy output or sales, or used to satisfy obligations in jurisdictions other than Rhode Island. Such assurances may consist of a report from a neighboring Generation Attribute accounting system or an affidavit from the Generation Unit. □ ← please check this box to acknowledge this requirement □ N/A or other (please explain)
E.3	Applicant must acknowledge and provide evidence to support that, in accordance with RES Rules Section 2.5(B), the Generation Attributes associated with the Generation Unit shall be applied to the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard only to the extent of the energy produced by the Generation Unit that is or will be actually delivered into NEPOOL for consumption by New England customers. Verification of the delivery of such energy from the Generation Unit into NEPOOL will be performed in accordance with subparagraphs 1 and 2 of RES Rules Section 2.5(B).
	 □ ← please check this box to acknowledge this requirement. □ N/A or other (please explain)

(a)	the Gene	Rules 2.5.1(B)(1), Applicant must verify that the energy produced by ration Unit is actually delivered into NEPOOL via "a unit-specific ontract for the sale and delivery of such energy into NEPOOL".
	provide or energy de	se check this box to acknowledge the requirement for Applicant to agoing evidence of one or more unit-specific bilateral contract(s) for all livery into NEPOOL for which Applicant seeks RI RES certification, prior of certificates in each quarter, and:
	i.	Please describe the type of evidence to be provided to the GIS Administrator to demonstrate the existence of such unit-specific bilateral contract(s) for the sale and delivery of such energy into NEPOOL, including duration, quantity and counter-party in NEPOOL:
		(attach more detail if the space provided is not sufficient)

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APPENDIX F (Revised 4/19/2021)

Eligible Biomass Fuel Source Plan

(Required of all Applicants Proposing to Use An Eligible, including Unlisted, Biomass Fuel)

Note to Applicants: Please refer to the RES Certification Filing Methodology Guide posted on the Commission's web site (www.ripuc.ri.gov/utilityinfo/res.html) for information, templates and suggestions regarding the types and levels of detail appropriate for responses to specific application items requested below. Also, please see RES Rules Section 2.7(A) for additional details on specific requirements.

The phrase "Eligible Biomass Fuel" (per RES Rules Section 2.3(7)) means fuel sources including brush, stumps, lumber ends and trimmings, wood pallets, bark, wood chips, shavings, slash, yard trimmings, site clearing waste, wood packaging, and other clean wood that is not mixed with other unsorted solid wastes;¹ agricultural waste, food and vegetative material; energy crops; landfill methane² or biogas,³ provided that such gas is collected and conveyed directly to the Generation Unit without use of facilities used as common carriers of natural gas; or neat bio-diesel and other neat liquid fuels that are derived from such fuel sources.

In determining if an Eligible Biomass Generation Unit shall be certified, the Commission will consider if the fuel source plan can reasonably be expected to ensure that only Eligible Biomass Fuels will be used, and in the case of co-firing ensure that only that proportion of generation attributable to an Eligible Biomass Fuel be eligible. Certification will not be granted to those Generation Units with fuel source plans the Commission deems inadequate for these purposes.

This Appendix must be attached to the front of Applicant's Fuel Source Plan required for Generating Units proposing to use an Eligible Biomass Fuel (per RES Rules Section 2.7(A)).

¹ Generation Units using wood sources other than those listed above may make application, as part of the required fuel source plan described in RES Rules Section 2.7(A), for the Commission to approve a particular wood source as "clean wood." The burden will be on the applicant to demonstrate that the wood source is at least as clean as those listed in the legislation. Wood sources containing resins, glues, laminates, paints, preservatives, or other treatments that would combust or off-gas, or mixed with any other material that would burn, melt, or create other residue aside from wood ash, will not be approved as clean wood.

² Landfill gas, which is an Eligible Biomass Fuel, means only that gas recovered from inside a landfill and resulting from the natural decomposition of waste, and that would otherwise be vented or flared as part of the landfill's normal operation if not used as a fuel source.

³ Gas resulting from the anaerobic digestion of sewage or manure is considered to be a type of biogas, and therefore an Eligible Biomass Fuel that has been fully separated from the waste stream.

F.1	The attached Fuel Source Plan includes a detailed description of the type of Eligible Biomass Fuel to be used at the Generation Unit.		
	Detailed description attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Comments:		
F.2	If the proposed fuel is "other clean wood," the Fuel Source Plan should include any further substantiation to demonstrate why the fuel source should be considered as clean as those clean wood sources listed in the legislation.		
	Further substantiation attached? Yes No N/A Comments:		
F.3	In the case of co-firing with ineligible fuels, the Fuel Source Plan must include a description of (a) how such co-firing will occur; (b) how the relative amounts of Eligible Biomass Fuel and ineligible fuel will be measured; and (c) how the eligible portion or generation output will be calculated. Such calculations shall be based on the energy content of all of the proposed fuels used.		
	Description attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Comments:		

F.4	The Fuel Source Plan must provide a description of what measures will be taken to ensure that only the Eligible Biomass Fuel are used, examples of which may include: standard operating protocols or procedures that will be implemented at the Generation Unit, contracts with fuel suppliers, testing or sampling regimes.
	Description provided? ☐ Yes
	□ No
	□ N/A
	Comments:
F.5	Please include in the Fuel Source Plan an acknowledgement that the fuels stored at or brought to the Generation Unit will only be either Eligible Biomass Fuels or fossil fuels used for co-firing and that Biomass Fuels not deemed eligible will not be allowed at the premises of the certified Generation Unit. And please check the following box to certify that this statement is true.
	□ ← check this box to certify that the above statement is true□ N/A or other (please explain)
F.6	If the proposed fuel includes recycled wood waste, please submit documentation that such fuel meets the definition of Eligible Biomass Fuel and also meets material separation, storage, or handling standards acceptable to the Commission and furthermore consistent with the RES Rules.
	Documentation attached?
	☐ Yes
	□ No
	□ N/A
	Comments:

F.7	Please certify that you will file all reports and other information necessary to enable the Commission to verify the on-going eligibility of the renewable energy generators pursuant to RES Rules Section 2.6(C). Specifically, RES Rules Section 2.6(C)(1) states that Renewable Energy Resources of the type that combust fuel to generate electricity must file quarterly reports due 60 days after the end of each quarter on the fuel stream used during the quarter. Instructions and filing documents for the quarterly reports can be found on the Commissions website or can be furnished upon request.
	□ ← check this box to certify that the above statement is true□ N/A or other (please explain)
F.8	Please attach a copy of the Generation Unit's Valid Air Permit or equivalent authorization.
	Valid Air Permit or equivalent attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Comments:
F.9	Effective date of Valid Air Permit or equivalent authorization://
F.10	State or jurisdiction issuing Valid Air Permit or equivalent authorization:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT



PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TEN FRANKLIN SQUARE NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051

DOCKET NO. 21-03-23 APPLICATION OF QUINEBAUG SOLAR, LLC FOR QUALIFICATION OF 253 WAUREGAN ROAD, CANTERBURY AND BROOKLYN, CT AS A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE

April 28, 2021

DECISION

On March 18, 2021, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) received an application from Quinebaug Solar, LLC (Company) requesting that the Authority determine that the solar facility (Facility or Project) located at 253 Wauregan Road in Canterbury and Brooklyn, Connecticut qualifies as a Class I renewable energy source.

The Project generates electricity using solar power and has an installed capacity of 49.36 MW. The Facility's Independent System Operator of New England's (ISO-NE) Identification Number is MSS38826. The Project is a grid-connected generation facility located in Connecticut and, as such, meets the requirements for monitoring and verification of its electricity produced.

The Facility is not commercially operating and will not be until November 1, 2021, but the Authority waives this requirement, as the Project was selected in response to the 2015 Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The RFP sought proposals for Class I renewable energy sources, large-scale hydropower and transmission to secure cost-effective sources to provide more affordable and reliable electric service, consistent with the state's energy and environmental goals and policies. The Authority approved power purchase agreements, including this Project, on September 13, 2017 in Docket No. 17-01-10, <u>PURA Review of Public Act 15-107(c) Large-Scale Energy Resource Agreements</u>.

The Authority reviewed all of the information in the record and finds that pursuant to § 16-1(a)(20) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the Facility qualifies as a Class I renewable energy source, effective January 1, 2021. The Authority assigns the Facility Connecticut Renewable Portfolio Standard Registration No. CT210323.

The Authority's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company. The Authority may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's registration if any material information provided proves to be false or misleading. The Company is reminded that it is obligated to notify the Authority within 10 days of any changes to any of the information it has provided.

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This Decision is adopted by the following Commissioners:

John W. Betkoski, III

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John U. Better

Marissa P. Gillett

Michael A. Caron

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, State of Connecticut, and was forwarded by Certified Mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on the date indicated.

Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.

Executive Secretary

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

April 28, 2021

Date

August 6, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq. Executive Secretary Public Utilities Regulatory Authority 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Dkt. 21-03-23: Application of Quinebaug Solar, LLC for Qualification of 263 Wauregan Road Canterbury and Brooklyn, CT as a Class I Renewable Energy Source

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

In accordance with the Authority's April 28, 2021 Final Decision in the above-referenced proceeding, I am writing to update the following information provided in Quinebaug Solar LLC's ("Quinebaug") application for certification as a Class I renewable energy source (the "Application"):

- 1. The ISO-NE Identification Number has changed from MSS38826 to MSS69801.
- 2. Quinebaug's anticipated Commercial Operation Date has changed from November 1, 2021 to no later than January 31, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Leahy

Sr. Director, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC

cc:

Service list