

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :
d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RENEWABLE ENERGY :
GROWTH PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF : **DOCKET NO. 5202**
CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL :
SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS :
PROGRAM YEAR 2022 :

**ORDER
(First and Second Enrollments)**

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 Rhode Island Energy (RI Energy) 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 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on March 29, 2022.⁴

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 RI Energy for participation in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Following each enrollment, RI Energy

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 March 29, 2022;

<https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/Common/DownloadMeetingFiles?FilePath=\Minutes\439\2022\429390.pdf>.

files an Enrollment Report. Pursuant to the R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), RI Energy filed the First Enrollment Report for Program Year 2022 on July 13, 2022 and the Second Enrollment Report on September 23, 2022. RI Energy reported that in the first enrollment, it had selected five commercial scale solar projects for PUC approval, for a total nameplate capacity of 2,609 kW. RI Energy requested the PUC award Certificates of Eligibility for all five projects.⁵ RI Energy sought approval of two commercial scale solar projects that were chosen in the second enrollment totaling 1,998 kW.

On August 11, 2022, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificates of Eligibility from the First Enrollment, finding that the projects were consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff and enrollment rules. On September 29, 2022, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificates of Eligibility from the Second Enrollment, finding that the projects were consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff and enrollment rules.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24513) ORDERED:

1. Certificates of Eligibility from the First Enrollment are awarded to the projects listed in Appendix A to this Order.
2. Certificates of Eligibility from the Second Enrollment are awarded to projects listed in Appendix B to this Order.

⁵ First Enrollment Report (July 13, 2022); https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2022-07/5202-RIE-1stEnrollment_2022_7-13-22_0.pdf.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISIONS ON AUGUST 11, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2022. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER 19, 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.

APPENDIX A

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), Rhode Island Energy is submitting the attached list of Commercial-Scale Solar projects selected by Rhode Island Energy with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for this list of projects.

First 2022 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
ESRIHOMEDCOVENLLC 700 Centre of N E Blvd Coventry, RI 02816	499	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-500 kW DC)	16.97	19.25	20
ESRI HOMED WESTE LLC 120 Franklin St Westerly, RI 02891	499	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-500 kW DC)	16.97	19.25	20
NBD Original Pizza Lincoln 13 Blackstone Valley Pl Lincoln, RI 02865	482	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-500 kW DC)	18.28	19.25	20
301 Concord St Solar 301 Concord St Pawtucket, RI 02860	496	Commercial-Scale Solar (251-500 kW DC)	18.98	19.25	20
New England Energy Development LLC 66 Valley Road Middletown, RI 02842	633	Commercial-Scale Solar (501-999 kW DC)	15.75	15.75	20
Total	2,609				

Second 2022 Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program Open Enrollment Report

Rhode Island Energy selected four projects for certificates of eligibility in the Second 2022 Open Enrollment, totaling 2,498 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(a), Rhode Island Energy is providing the attached list of medium-scale solar projects that have been awarded certificates of eligibility in the Second Open Enrollment that completed in September 2022.

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Simjull LLC Solar 121 Broadcommon Rd. Bristol, RI 02809	250	Medium-Scale Solar (26-250 kW DC)	21.60	24.45	20
235 Georgia 235 Georgia Avenue Providence, RI 02905	250	Medium-Scale Solar (26-250 kW DC)	23.44	24.45	20
Total	500				

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Second 2022 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
20 Frontage 20 Frontage Road Westerly, RI 02891	999	Commercial-Scale Solar (501-999 kW DC)	15.74	15.75	20
DeCurtis Solar Project 2361 Providence Pike North Smithfield, RI 02896	999	Commercial-Scale Solar (501-999 kW DC)	15.75	15.75	20
Total	1,998				