

**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. 22-39-REG**
CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL :
SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS :
PROGRAM YEAR 2023 :

**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 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 2023 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on March 13, 2023.⁴

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 files an Enrollment Report. Pursuant to the R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), RI Energy filed the

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 Order No. 24660 (May 16, 2023).

First Enrollment Report for Program Year 2023 on June 27, 2023. RI Energy reported that in the First Enrollment it selected one commercial scale solar project with a nameplate capacity of 4,998 kW. RI Energy requested the Commission approve the Certificate of Eligibility for this project.⁵

On July 13, 2023, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificate of Eligibility from the First Enrollment, finding that the project was consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff and enrollment rules.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24752) ORDERED:

Certificate of Eligibility from the First Enrollment is awarded to White Brook Renewables, LLC 689 Victory Hwy, West Greenwich, RI 02817, for its 4,998 kW solar project for a 20-year tariff term at 14.34 cents per kWh.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 13, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON JULY 20, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

⁵ First Enrollment Report; https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2023-06/2239-RIE-REG-1stEnrollmentRept_6-27-23.pdf

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.