## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

: DOCKET NO. 22-39-REG

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY :

d/b/a RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RENEWABLE ENERGY

GROWTH PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL

SCALE AND LARGE SCALE PROJECTS

PROGRAM YEAR 2023 :

## ORDER (Second Enrollment)

The Renewable Energy Growth Program<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to the following March 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2023 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on March 13, 2023.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1 to 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-3(8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Order No. 24660 (May 16, 2023).

files an Enrollment Report. Pursuant to the R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), RI Energy filed the Second Enrollment Report for Program Year 2023 on September 26, 2023. RI Energy reported that in the Second Enrollment it selected one commercial scale solar project with a nameplate capacity of 383 kW. RI Energy requested the Commission approve the Certificate of Eligibility for this project.<sup>5</sup>

On October 12, 2023, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificate of Eligibility from the Second Enrollment, finding that the project was consistent with the applicable Renewable Energy Growth tariff and enrollment rules.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24842) ORDERED:

The Certificate of Eligibility from the Second Enrollment is awarded to EPPD Canopy LLC, 750 Waterman Ave., East Providence, RI, 02914 for its 383 kW solar project for a 20-year tariff term at 22.04 cents per kWh.

2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 2023 Second Enrollment Report; <a href="https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/NGrid-REG-EnrollmentRepts.html">https://ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/NGrid-REG-EnrollmentRepts.html</a>.

## EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON OCTOBER 12, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER 16, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Rould + Gewiten

Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman

alsigarl anthony

Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

John C. Revere, Jr.

**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.