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**Re: Block Island Utility District d/b/a Block Island Power Company
PUC Docket 5192 / Net Metering Compliance Filing**

Dear Luly:

As you know, our office represents Block Island Utility District (“BIUD”).

Enclosed for filing in this matter please find BIUD’s Compliance Filing regarding the management of BIUD’s net metering program and its related ‘queue management plan.’

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Leah J. Donaldson

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Docket No. 5192 – Block Island Power Co. (BIUD) – Terms & Conditions for Net Metering Service List as of 7/28/2022

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Re: Docket No. 5192 - Block Island Utility District Net Metering Tariff

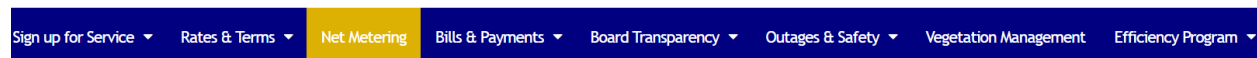
Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please accept this letter as Block Island Utility District's ("BIUD") status update regarding the management of our net metering program and the related 'queue management plan.'

To clearly communicate the terms of our new tariff and program status, BIUD has enhanced the net metering page on our website: www.blockislandpowercompany.com. Members can access the net metering webpage via a link on our home page, as shown below. Members can also access the site via the direct link: <https://blockislandpowercompany.com/net-metering-policy/>.



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The net metering webpage has been updated with information pertaining to our net metering program. This includes: (1) a matrix with up-to-date information, (2) a link to our new tariff, (3) our current net metering rate, (4) a link to our net metering application and (5) a step-by-step guide to the application process.

MATRIX WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:

The matrix shown below is posted to BIUD's website and is kept current as new information is gathered. The matrix details information on BIUD's seasonal peak, the total allowable capacity within BIUD's 10% cap, the amount of capacity connected and in service, total capacity approved and being built, the remaining capacity and the maximum project size per the BIUD net metering tariff.

The matrix below is current as of September 28, 2022:

BIUD Summer Peak 2022 (kW)	Total Net Metering Allowed @ 10% Cap (kW)	Current Amount Installed (kW)	Current Amount Approved and/or Under Construction (kW)	Remaining Capacity (kW)	Current Maximum Size Project Allowed (based on 10% of remaining capacity)
5,294	529.4	261.88	0	267.52	26.75
Number of Pending or Incomplete Applications Under Review by BIUD	Number of Approved Applications Not Constructed Yet	Current Number of In-Service Net Metering Facilities			
36	0	60			

The matrix also includes the number of projects currently being reviewed but not yet approved. Currently BIUD is working with three separate developers on various projects that are still in the design stage. Those are listed as “Number of Pending or Incomplete Applications Under Review by BIUD.”¹ As these projects are approved, their capacity value will be moved up to the “Current Amount Approved and/or Under Construction” data field in the matrix. When commissioned, they will be moved into “Current Amount Installed.”

125% Limit:

As the 125% limit pertains to each proposed project, BIUD gathers the past twelve months of consumption data for the account being discussed and discusses the size limitations with the developer. The 125% rule is a common limitation that the developers are mostly used to working within and are providing the design criteria that the 125% limit was based on.

10% Cap:

To date, the maximum size allowed based on 10% of the remaining capacity has not been an issue. Admittedly, the program is still relatively new, and we acknowledge that this limit will eventually begin impacting the smallest of projects. It is BIUD’s plan to continually review its program and propose changes to the tariff as necessary.

Specifically for the larger projects that would be impacted by the 10% of remaining capacity rule, BIUD has been clear that it is a first-come first-approved sequence and for developers to monitor the maximum size allowed on our website during their planning.

Thus far this process is working and has not added confusion into the design phase of projects. We expect this to become more relevant as the maximum size slowly decreases. I expect this may be a cause for the BIUD Board of Utility Commissioners to review the current cap and state of the net metering program.

NEW TARIFF AND CURRENT NET METERING RATE:

The net metering webpage includes a link to our new net metering tariff and also displays the current net metering rate, as shown below.

[The Block Island Utility District’s current Net Metering Tariff. \(pdf\)](#)
The Current Net Metering rate is \$0 .1330/kWh

¹ With one exception, all are residential projects in the 3-10 kW range.

APPLICATION & STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO APPLICATION PROCESS:

Also included on BIUD's net metering webpage is a detailed step by step guide to the application process and a link to the net metering application.

What are the steps I need to take before I install solar?

STEP 1: CONTACT THE POWER COMPANY (A BIUD member wanting to explore a solar installation should contact the power company first. The conversation with the member will focus on the commercial terms of the tariff and the interconnection requirements)

STEP 2: SELECT AN INSTALLER (The BIUD member should solicit some proposals from qualified RI solar installers)

STEP 3: COMPLETE A BIUD NET METERING APPLICATION (Upon selection of an installer, the BIUD member and the installer need to complete a BIUD net metering application)

STEP 4: WAIT FOR POWER COMPANY APPROVAL (The power company will review the project with the developer and will send the member, installer and the TNS building official a copy of the approved application)

STEP 5: GET ALL NECESSARY TOWN PERMITS (The installer then applies for and obtains all the necessary permits from the TNS Building Official)

STEP 6: INSTALL, INSPECT AND TURN ON (Construction can begin and coordination of the interconnection will be coordinated with BIUD and the TNS Building Official.)

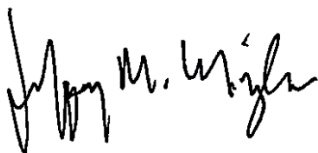
Please complete the **Net Meter Application** and submit to the Block Island Utility District office, P.O. Box 518 Block Island, RI 02807 or via email to tfredericks@blockislandutilitydistrict.com

Net metering applications expire after a period of 12 months. The application states:

This net metering application is valid for twelve (12) months after being approved. The project must be built and commissioned within that twelve-month period, or the project will be removed from the utility district's list of approved projects and the application process must be completed again. The net metering size limitations will apply at the time of the second application.

As always, BIUD is willing to provide additional information or answer any questions from the Commission or staff. BIUD is also willing to provide another status update after the 2022-2023 winter construction season if the Commission so wishes.

Regards,



Jeffery M. Wright, President
Block Island Utility District dba Block Island Power Company

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