

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: FRONT STREET SOLAR FARM, LLC :
REQUEST FOR WAIVER : DOCKET NO. RES-23-18

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

On November 7, 2023, Front Street Solar Farm, LLC, a community net metering project located in Skowhegan, Maine, filed a request for a waiver from 810-RICR-40-05-2.6(H), to allow the net metering facility to qualify as an eligible renewable energy facility in Rhode Island. Previously, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has interpreted the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) (R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1 to 10) as requiring net metering facilities, even if grid-connected, to be located in Rhode Island. In 2022, the law eliminated the requirement that customer-sited generation facilities must be located in Rhode Island in order to qualify as an eligible renewable energy resource under the RES. Because the PUC has not yet revised the rules governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (810-RICR-40-05-1), Front Street Solar Farm, LLC requested the PUC waive or otherwise determine inapplicable the requirement in 810-RICR-40-05-2.6(H) to allow a final review of their application.

The PUC will accept written comments on this request through December 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Comments may be submitted to Luly.Massaro@puc.ri.gov (preferred) or to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, RIPUC 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888. Please reference the docket number RES-23-18 in the subject line.

The docket can be accessed on the PUC's website at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-RES-23-18> or reviewed at the PUC's office during regular business hours.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
November 20, 2023