

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FILED BY :
TOWER SOLAR PARTNERS, LLC – EMBDEN : DOCKET NO. RES-24-08
OVERLOOK SOLAR PARTNERS, LLC - BRISTOL : DOCKET NO. RES-24-09**

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

On February 29, 2024, the Tower Solar Partners, LLC and Overlook Solar Partners, LLC (collectively, the Applicants), community net metering projects located in Maine, filed a request for a waiver from 810-RICR-40-05-2.6(H), to allow the net metering facilities 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), the Applicants 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 applications.

The PUC will accept written comments on this request through March 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Written 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 RES Waiver Request in the subject line.

The dockets can be accessed on the PUC’s website at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/RES-Applications> or reviewed at the PUC’s office during regular business hours.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
March 4, 2024