

**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. 23-44-REG**
CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL :
SCALE AND LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS :
PROGRAM YEAR 2024 :

**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.⁴ The 2024 Renewable Energy Growth Program targets and ceiling prices were approved on April 29, 2024.⁵

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

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 This year's program commenced on May 1, 2024 to allow for full consideration of a law change allowing for the consideration of multi-year ceiling prices and allocations. [PUC Minutes](#) (Mar. 28, 2024).

⁵ Order No. 25142 (Aug. 29, 2024).

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 First Enrollment Report for Program Year 2024 on July 23, 2024. RI Energy reported that in the First Enrollment it selected four commercial scale solar project with a total nameplate capacity of 2,799 kW and one large-scale solar project with a nameplate capacity of 3,300 kW. RI Energy requested the Commission approve the Certificates of Eligibility for these projects.⁶

On August 28, 2024, the PUC reviewed and approved the Certificates 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

(25142) ORDERED:

1. Certificates of Eligibility from the First Enrollment is awarded to the projects listed in Appendix A of this Order.

⁶ First Enrollment Report;

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING
DECISION ON AUGUST 28, 2024. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON AUGUST 29, 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

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.

APPENDIX A

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC)-Awarded Certificates

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Growth Program, R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-20(b), Rhode Island Energy must submit a list of commercial-scale and large-scale solar, and all other distributed-generation projects, selected by Rhode Island Energy with their corresponding pricing information. The Company is submitting the attached list of five projects selected by Rhode Island Energy with their corresponding pricing information and is requesting PUC approval for the listed projects.

First 2024 Open Enrollment Results

Project & Location	Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Class	Price (¢/kWh)	Ceiling Price (¢/kWh)	Tariff Term
Sharpe Solar 12 Ross Simons Dr, Craston, RI 02920	500	Commercial-Scale Solar I (>250-500 kW DC)	29.34	29.35	20
1 South Main Coventry RI Solar LLC 1 South Main St, Coventry, RI 02816	303	Commercial-Scale Solar I (>250-500 kW DC)	28.76	29.35	20
100 Maple Ridge Drive 100 Maple Ridge Dr, Cumberland, RI 02864	999	Commercial-Scale Solar II (>500-<1,000 kW DC)	24.40	24.45	20
Central Pike Solar 1257 Central Ave, Johnston, RI 02919	997	Commercial-Scale Solar II (>500-<1,000 kW DC)	24.44	24.45	20
Comolli Solar 126 Chase Hill Rd, Ashaway, RI 02804	3,300	Large-Scale Solar I (1 to <5 MW DC)	18.23	18.65	20
Total	6,099				
Note: Nameplate Capacity is rounded to the nearest kW.					