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 (Second 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. <u>PUC Minutes</u> (Mar. 28, 2024).

⁵ Order No. 25141 (Aug. 29, 2024).

participation in the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Following each enrollment, RI Energy files an Enrollment Report. RI Energy filed the Second Enrollment Report for Program Year 2024 on September 20, 2024. RI Energy reported that in the Second Enrollment it selected one commercial scale solar project with a total nameplate capacity of 960 kW. RI Energy requested the Commission approve the Certificate of Eligibility for this project.⁶

On October 1, 2024, 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

(25166) ORDERED:

 A Certificate of Eligibility from the Second Enrollment is awarded to DuTemple Solar, LLC for its Project located at AM 36 – BLK 2, LOT 2 (36-2-2) Ten Rod Road Exeter, RI 02822.

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⁶ Second Enrollment Report.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON OCTOBER 1, 2024. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER 7, 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman

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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.

^{*}Commissioner Revens did not participate in the decision.