



Rhode Island REG Program: First Draft MW Allocation Plan

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2026 MW Allocation Plan Development Process

- To develop the draft 2026 MW allocation plan, OER attempted to balance the objectives of ensuring healthy program competition with providing a robust plan that would not unnecessarily constrain the deployment of DG
- SEA's research focused on evaluating the competitive dynamics of each renewable energy class given the current IC queue
- In doing so, SEA (in consultation with RI Energy) considered:
 - The number of unique developers with projects in the interconnection pipeline in each class, and the relative share of capacity owned by each developer
 - The total capacity of projects expected to be able to bid into the 2026 PY, based on
 - Each project's stage in the interconnection pipeline
 - Each project's involvement in ASO studies
 - The ability for net metering projects at various interconnection stages to switch to REG

Interactions with ASO studies

- In PY 2025, a “Plan A” and “Plan B” MW allocation plan was approved to address uncertainty regarding the timing of ASO #3’s finalization
- Subsequent ASO studies are either highly likely to conclude prior to the 2026 PY (ASO #3b) or highly unlikely to conclude prior to the 2026 PY (ASO #4) → less need for Plan A/B construct in 2026 PY

Draft 2026 MW Allocation Plan

- The draft MW allocation for 2026 is provided below for **stakeholder comment, due August 28**
- Consistent with PY 2025, SEA plans to complete a benefit-cost analysis of the proposed plan after OER's recommended program plan is finalized

Renewable Energy Class	2026 MW Draft Allocation
Large Scale IV (15 - <39MW)	0
Large Scale III (10 - <15MW)	15
Large Scale II (5 - <10MW)	20
Large Scale I (1 - <5MW)	25
Commercial Scale II (>500 - <1000kW)	8
Commercial Scale I (>250 - 500kW)	7
Medium Scale (>25 - 250kW)	9
Small Scale II (>15 - 25kW)	6
Small Scale I (0 - 15kW)	
Total	90

Request for Comments

- Comments on the Draft MW allocation plan are **due on August 28**
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