

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND DG BOARD RESPONSE TO THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S FIRST SET DATA REQUESTS**

**(Issued December 30, 2025; Due January 16, 2026)**

**PUC 1-1.** Referencing pages 13 and 18-19 of Armstrong's testimony, please provide SEA's incremental cost for research and plan development conducted during the current program year regarding previously approved non small-scale solar ceiling prices.

**In tracking budget burn, SEA did not categorize entries in a manner that makes it straightforward to separate costs incurred related to previously-approved non small-scale solar ceiling prices. However, the majority of expenses billed to Task 6 (Analysis related to Federal Tax Provisions) directly informed SEA's analysis of previously-approved non small-scale solar ceiling prices. At the time of responding to this request, SEA billed \$15,442 to Task 6. In addition, a limited portion of expenses billed to tasks 1, 2, 3, and 4 (relating to data collection, data analysis, ceiling price recommendations, and the regulatory process, respectively) supported analysis of previously-approved non small-scale solar ceiling prices. As such, SEA estimates that the total expenses related to the analysis of previously-approved non small-scale solar ceiling prices was between \$20-25k.**

**PUC 1-2.** Pages 12-13 of Gauntner's testimony states that "[a]pplying all other inputs as proposed by SEA on behalf of Office of Energy Resources, this adjustment results in a 14 percent reduction in the calculated PBI" for a second solar project. Please explain the inputs referenced in this testimony and illustrate how they result in a 14% reduction in a second solar project's PBI.

**Based on SEA's reading of Gaunter's testimony, Gaunter is stating the proposed 14% reduction was calculated using the inputs proposed by SEA as a starting point. SEA's proposed inputs are described in Appendix C of Schedule 9, but as this calculation was performed by the company, SEA is therefore unable to illustrate the results.**