

**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 EVIDENTIARY HEARING RECORD REQUEST**

(Issued February 3, 2026)

PUC 2-1. Please confirm whether the approved allocation for the 2025-2026 program year was presented to the DG Board.

OER can confirm the MW allocations for the 2025-2026 program year approved by the Commission in docket 24-50-REG were presented to the DG Board by OER in February 2025, as noted in the approved meeting minutes posted to the Secretary of State's website here - [February DG Board Meeting Minutes](#). The Commission's order in 24-50-REG was also provided to the Board as a meeting material.

During development of the 2026-27 program allocations those approved quantities were not re-presented for direct comparison by the Board. OER and SEA have made note of this and plan to include that comparison in future program development cycles.

Distributed Generation Board Meeting

Monday, February 24th 2025 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM

This meeting will be held in-person in:
**DOA Conference Room 2A, Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02901**

In-Person Attendees: Shauna Beland, William Owen, Angela Tuoni, Natalie Bishop, Harry Oakley, Sam Bradner, Karen Stewart, Carrie Gill, Katherine Ortiz, Katie Critelli, Laura Bartsch, Mark Kravatz, Ali Dionigi, Matt Piantedosi, Theo Smith

Virtual Attendees: Jeanne Cherry, Jacob Curran, Ashley Lambert, Matt Sullivan

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Bartsch called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Chair Bartsch entertained a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as amended. Board Member Bradner motioned to approve; Board Member Tuoni seconded. All in favor, none opposed and the amended minutes were approved.

3. Natural Power Presentation on Results of 2024 Quality Assurance Program

Ms. Beland introduced Ms. Dionigi and Mr. Piantedosi from Natural Power. Ms. Dionigi explained the work plan and the process. Mr. Piantedosi spoke about the inspection process. Board Member Gill asked about how REG compares to REF. Mr. Piantedosi explained that most issues come from the supply side and illustrated problems with overhead and underground installations. Board Member Kravatz asked if homeowners need permits for this work and Mr. Piantedosi confirmed they do in order to get the credit. Mr. Piantedosi explained that there are webinars for new installers and was asked if electric inspectors attend the webinars. He said they do not. The illustrations that he provided were pictures of installations that have been approved by inspectors. Board Member Gill asked if existing installers can attend. Ms. Beland suggested these webinars be available with updates to the building code. Board Member Stewart spoke of her history with trying to mandate a training and it being cumbersome to administer such a program (i.e., validating the correct person is participating). Ms. Dionigi presented on installer responsiveness and customer survey results. Board Member Tuoni asked about what happens after inspection. Mr. Piantedosi said there are no implications if the installer does not correct the problems whereas with REF, if the installation issues are not corrected, the funding is not granted. Chair Bartsch asked Ms. Beland about next steps and that the discussion continues in our next meeting. Board Member Oakley asked which is more problematic – the installer or the inspector. Mr. Piantedosi explained why the installers are more problematic. Board Member Oakley asked how often these reports get shared with building inspectors. Further discussion included using this money spent for QA survey for solutions. Board Member Kravatz suggested citing case studies/best

practices to the Recommendations section. Mr. Piantedosi suggested having the utility not activating the system until the system is safe. Chair Bartsch indicated that the discussion of Natural Power's recommendations will continue at the March meeting.

4. Rhode Island Energy Presentation on Third Open Enrollment Results

Board Member Gill provided a summary of projects for 2024 Open Enrollment projects. She also shared a comparison between 2023 and 2024, showing growth in program year 2024. This will be reviewed further in the March meeting.

5. OER Update to Docket 24-50-REG, 2025 Program Year

Mr. Owen presented on the decisions from the Open Meeting, including ceiling prices, allocations, tariffs and enrollment rules, brownfield pilot.

6. Public Comment

Chair Bartsch invited public comment; there was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Chair Bartsch adjourned at 4:41 p.m.