

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES' CLASSES, CEILING PRICES & TARGETS FOR THE 2013 DISTRIBUTED GENERATION STANDARD CONTRACT – DOCKET NO. 4288

IN RE: NATIONAL GRID'S DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ENROLLMENT APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT PROCESS RULES - DOCKET NO. 4277

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to RI General Laws §§ 39-1 and 39-3 et seq., as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, January 10, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the Commission’s office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, R.I.

The Distributed Generation (“DG”) Standard Contracts Act (“Act”) was enacted on June 29, 2011 R.I.G.L. 39-26.2-1 et seq. The Act is designed to support and encourage the development of distributed renewable energy generation systems. The Act requires the RI Office of Energy Resources (“OER”) to establish renewable energy classes, set renewable energy targets and proposed ceiling prices for each class on an annual basis. The Act requires OER to establish a DG Standard Contract. The Act requires National Grid to enter into DG standard contracts for an aggregate nameplate capacity of at least 40 MW of distributed generation projects by the end of 2014. National Grid is also required to file DG Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules that govern National Grid’s solicitation process, enrollment process and eligibility requirements for applicants seeking to enter into standard contracts for the supply of electric capacity and energy and Renewable Energy from eligible Distributed Generation projects. OER is delegated with the duty of monitoring the DG Standard Contracts program.

In these dockets, the Commission will examine the propriety of two companion filings submitted by the RI Office of Energy Resources’ (“OER”) and National Grid submitted in compliance with the Act. In Docket No. 4277, National Grid filed on October 16, 2012, proposed minor revisions to the existing DG Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules. In Docket No. 4288, OER filed on November 29, 2012, proposed revised classes, ceiling prices and targets for the 2013 Distributed Generation (“DG”) Standard Contract as follows:

OER recommends that National Grid conduct three (3) enrollments in 2013 and award 4.6 MW of projects in each enrollment, for a total of 13.8 MW of Distributed Generation projects in 2013.

Recommended Technology Classes and Targets (Allocations)

<u>Technology & Class</u>	<u>Small DGSC Enrollment Program</u> <u>Allocation (kW/MW)</u>
Wind: 50 kW - 1.5 MW	1.5 MW
Small Solar PV: 50-100 kW	300 kW
Small Solar PV: 101-250 kW	250 kW

Small Solar PV: 251-500 kW	750 kW
Anaerobic Digestion: 400–500 kW	500 kW

Large DGSC Enrollment Program

Large Solar PV: 501 kW and above and Anaerobic Digestion: 501 kW and above	1.3 MW total (for 2 technologies)
Total MW	4.6 MW

Recommended Ceiling Prices (¢/kWh), by Technology Class

<u>Technology, sub-class</u>	<u>2013 Proposed Ceiling Price w/PTC</u>	<u>2013 Proposed Ceiling Price w/o PTC</u>
Solar, 501 kW+	24.95	N/A
Solar, 251 – 500 kW	28.40	N/A
Solar, 101 – 250 kW	28.80	N/A
Solar, 50 – 100 kW	29.95	N/A
Wind, 1 – 1.5 MW	16.80	18.60
Wind, 200 – 999 kW	18.15	19.95
Wind, 50 – 100 kW	24.65	N/A
AD, 400 kW – 1 MW	18.55	19.55
Hydro, 500 kW – 1 MW	17.90	18.85

The proposals are on file for examination at the Commission’s office. The proposals can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4288 and Docket No. 4277. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
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