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Via Email & Regular U.S. Mail

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
RI Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: PUC Docket No. 4892 - 2019 Renewable Energy Growth - Classes, Ceiling Prices and Capacity Targets

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket, please find an original and nine copies of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources' filing in compliance with the directives made by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") during an open meeting that occurred on February 15, 2019.

Specifically, the enclosed filing contains a recommendation by OER and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board ("DG Board") to reallocate 6.5MW from the initially proposed solar carport categories to other categories.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew S. Marcaccio".

Andrew S. Marcaccio
Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Enclosures

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH (RE GROWTH) :
PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2019 FILINGS SUBMITTED :
BY THE RHODE ISLAND DISTRIBUTED : Docket No. 4892
GENERATION BOARD’S (DG BOARD) AND THE :
NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. :

**OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES’ AND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD’S
RECOMMENDATION TO REALLOCATE 6.5MW FROM THE INITIALLY
PROPOSED SOLAR CARPORT CATEGORIES TO OTHER CATEGORIES.**

The table below represents a recommendation made by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (“OER”) and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (“DG Board”) to reallocate 6.5MW from the initially proposed solar carport classes to other classes.

Renewable Energy Class	Updated Allocation Plan (Voted and approved by DG Board on February 25, 2016) (MW)	Change (MW)
Small Solar I & II	12.23	+1.3
Medium Solar	6.8	+1.3
Commercial Solar	7.3	+1.3
Commercial Solar Community Remote -	5	No Change
Large Solar	11.3	+1.3
Large Solar - Community Remote	5.3	+1.3
Small Wind	0.400	No Change
Community Remote and Non- Community Remote Wind	6	No Change
Anaerobic Digestion and Small Scale Hydropower	1	No Change
Commercial and Large Solar Carports	0	-6.5
Total	55.330 MW	No Change

Explanation

After considering several options, OER recommended to the DG Board that the 6.5 MW of capacity that was initially proposed for solar carports be evenly distributed (1.3 MW) to each of the five (5) solar classes that are highlighted in green in the table above. The DG Board approved the recommendation set forth in the table above on February 25, 2019.

The reallocation is consistent with the principles utilized by the DG Board for previous annual Renewable Energy (“RE”) Growth Program filings and with the following objectives:

- Having a predictable annual capacity/targets for different classes for project development;
- Achieving cost effectiveness where feasible among the classes;
- Allocating capacity to where there are strong market demand/applications; and
- New with this year’s filing, considering the solar siting dynamics with local municipalities.