

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’ RESPONSE
TO THE COMMISSION’S RECORD REQUEST NO. 5
MADE DURING THE HEARING HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2018

Record Request No. 5

Request: The total proposed capacity for the 2019 REGrowth program year is 55.562 which, according to the DG 2019 Packet pages 15-16 “reflects the capacity made available for the program year, in addition to the capacity from terminated projects that were awarded contracts from the 2011-2014 DG Program and terminated tariff capacity from the 2015-2017 RE Growth Program years.” Was the over-enrolled capacity from the 2017 and 2018 REGrowth program years subtracted from the capacity from terminated projects/capacity from the 2011-2017 periods to come up with the 2019 program total?

Response: The Distributed Generation Board voted and approved the 2019 RE Growth Program Megawatt Allocation Plan based on available data from National Grid as of September 2018. Over-enrollment of the Small Scale Solar class in 2018 was not counted in the total when developing the megawatt capacity recommendation of the DG Board in the fall. The net amount of capacity available was not finalized when the recommendation was made as the Third Open Enrollment results were still pending at that time.

Additional capacity was also cancelled from 2016 and 2017 REG Program enrollments since the recommendation was submitted. As a result, the total remaining capacity from the 2011-2014 Distributed Generation Standard Contract Program and the four years of the REG Program, after cancellations/terminations, including the remaining over-enrollment in 2018, is as follows:

Program Year	Capacity in kW
2011-2014 DG Standard Contracts Program	15,955
REG 2015	2,912
REG 2016	20,705
REG 2017	1,085
REG 2018	-327

REG 2019 Allowance	15,000
Total Capacity for the 2019 REG Program	55,330

If the Commission prefers to use the up-to-date allocation numbers as opposed to the September numbers, the 2019 REG Program megawatt capacity will be 55.330 MW and not 55.562 MW. OER would recommend the following 2019 REG Program Megawatt Allocation Plan, with a reduction in the Small Solar Capacity by 0.232kW (changes are highlighted in yellow):

Technology/Classes	DG Board Approved 2019-Megawatt Allocation Plan	2019-Megawatt Allocation Plan Using updated number as of 2-6-19
Small Solar I & II	11.162 MW DC	10.93 MW DC
Medium Solar	5.5 MW DC	5.5 MW DC
Commercial Solar	6 MW DC	6 MW DC
Commercial Solar Community Remote -	5 MW DC	5 MW DC
Large Solar	10 MW DC	10 MW DC
Large Solar - Community Remote	4 MW DC	4 MW DC
Small Wind	0.400 kW DC	0.400 kW DC
Community Remote and Non-Community Remote Wind	6 MW DC	6 MW DC
Anaerobic Digestion and Small Scale Hydropower	1 MW DC	1 MW DC
Commercial and Large Solar Carports	6.5 MW DC	6.5 MW DC
Total	55.562 MW	55.330 MW

RESPONDENT: Chris Kearns, OER
DATE: February 6, 2019