

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: 2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM:

CLASSES, CEILING PRICES, AND CAPACITY :
TARGETS AND 2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY : **DOCKET NO. 5202**
GROWTH PROGRAM – TARIFFS AND SOLICITATION :
AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS RULES :

**COMMISSION’S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS
DIRECTED TO OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

**(Issued December 13, 2021)
(Responses due January 10, 2022)**

1-1. Referencing page 16 of the initial filing, the Table includes the 2022 recommendations, 2021 approved allocations, and a percentage change column. Please clarify that the total size for CRDG Commercial is double that which as approved in 2021 and not a 0% increase.

The table provided in the initial filing was simply a typographical error. The error was corrected in same table in the filing that was resubmitted on December 15, 2021.

1-2. Please explain the rationale for doubling the CRDG Commercial Class in 2022 in light of Mr. Kennerly’s statement that “Commercial Solar CRDG projects are somewhat less common overall.” (page 35 of his testimony).

Mr. Kennerly’s assertion is intended as a reference to typical distributed solar market outcomes in the Northeastern U.S. More specifically, shared solar projects in Northeastern states that have off-site offtake arrangements (of which CRDG projects are a subset) tend to be larger than 1 MW (given the increasing returns to scale associated with ground-mounted solar PV).

An increase in the allocation for Commercial CRDG projects may potentially steer future community solar development through the Renewable Energy Growth Program, which may result in cost efficiencies when compared to the use of other programs. Also, the data gathered from these projects can help inform the Board’s development of the 2023 Renewable Energy Growth Program allocation plan and may be helpful inputs to future community solar policy discussions.