

Renewable Energy Growth Program

Expanding Renewable Distributed Generation in Rhode Island

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Application

Selection

Construction and Interconnection

Compensation and Operation

A program that makes generating new renewable distributed energy in the Ocean State easy and predictable.

Highlights

- The Renewable Energy (RE) Growth seeks 160 MW of nameplate capacity over five years (2015-19), in specific technology and size classes.
- Solar from 26-250 kW can enroll at a price of 22.55¢ per kWh, which has been set for 2016 by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board and approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission; solar projects ≤ 25 kW DC may apply through the RE Growth Small Solar Program.
- Larger solar and other technologies must submit price bids that are below “ceiling prices” set by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board.
- All payments are guaranteed through approved 20-year term tariffs, rather than through contracts.
- National Grid will offer three open enrollments in 2016. Three enrollments per year will be offered in future years.
- Enrollments will use an online application and will be open for two weeks.
- Enrolled projects sell to National Grid all energy, Renewable Energy Certificates, and other environmental attributes and electricity market products created by enrolled projects.

General eligibility requirements

- 2016 Eligible Renewable Energy Technology Classes include Solar, Wind, Hydropower, and Anaerobic Digestion.
- Project must be sized less than or equal to 5 MW in nameplate capacity.

- Projects must be located in Rhode Island and interconnected to National Grid’s distribution system.
- Projects cannot be fully financed, under construction or operating when applying to the program.
- Each project must have a completed Impact Study or an Interconnection Service Agreement with National Grid prior to application to be eligible to participate.
- Projects must be constructed and operational within 24/36/48 months — depending on renewable technology.
- Successful enrollees may choose to be paid directly for all output, or through bill credits plus the remainder in direct payment; additional restrictions on sizing and customer account status apply for bill credit option.
- Because Performance Based Incentive payments and bill credits may be considered taxable income by the IRS, National Grid will require W-9s from all participants and will issue 1099s to non-exempt recipients of payments.

How to participate:

- Prior to the enrollment period, applicants must receive an Impact Study for Renewable Distributed Generation (ISRDG) or an Interconnection Services Agreement (ISA) from National Grid.
- Please visit our website at ngrid.com/REGrowth for more information on the application process, current classes, ceiling prices, current enrollment rules and official tariffs.