

# Renewable Energy Growth Program

New solar energy program available for homes and small businesses.

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## Interested in solar energy for your home or small business? National Grid has a new program for you!

### Highlights

- The Renewable Energy Growth Program makes it easy to be paid by National Grid for your solar generation.
- Payments are available for 15 or 20-years for residential customers, or 20 years for non-residential customers.
- Depending on the term, project size, and other factors, National Grid will pay from 29.8¢ to 41.35¢ per kilowatt-hour for solar generation in a Performance-Based Incentive (PBI). PBIs are set by the RI Distributed Generation Board and approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission.
  - **Residential customers:** The host customer will receive a bill credit for energy and the system owner will be paid the remaining PBI; the owner may be the host customer or a third-party.
  - **Non-residential customers:** The host customer may receive a bill credit for energy consumed during a month, with the remainder paid to the system owner or the entire PBI can be paid directly to the system owner. All payments are guaranteed through approved 20-year term tariffs, rather than through contracts.
- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and approved on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the available capacity of 3 MW for 2015. National Grid will accept applications until the 3MW capacity is met.

### General eligibility requirements and information

- Solar arrays must be  $\leq 25$  kW DC, sited in Rhode Island, connected to National Grid's distribution system, and operational within 24 months.
- A proposed project may not be segmented into two or more projects. If the project is segmented, National Grid will award a Certificate of Eligibility

for only one of the projects. There are, however, exceptions to the prohibition on segmentation. Please see the tariffs for more information.

- Projects can neither be operational at time of application nor under construction, except for site work that is less than 25% of the total project cost. Applicants must have control of the project site.
- Residential customer projects must be located at a customer residence that receives electric service under the Basic Residential Rate A-16 or Low Income Rate A-60.
- Residential customer systems must be sized to produce electricity at a level not greater than the historic or estimated annual load of the receiving customer – Please see the Residential Customers Tariff for details.
- Non-residential customers can (but are not required to) elect to receive bill credits if their projects are sized at a level not greater than the historic or estimated annual load of the receiving customer.
- Since PBIs and bill credits may be considered taxable income, National Grid will require W-9s from all participants and issue 1099s to non-exempt recipients of payments; see the RE Growth Tax Policy Statement for more details.

### How to participate

- Customers or their project developer/installer should submit an interconnection application to National Grid, on which they should indicate their participation in the RE Growth Program.
- Please visit our website at [www.ngrid.com/REGrowth](http://www.ngrid.com/REGrowth) for pricing, current enrollment rules and official tariffs.