

# Renewable Energy Growth Program

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Expanding Renewable Distributed Generation in Rhode Island

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. In addition, the Renewable Energy Growth Program has been extended from year 2020-2029, with an annual target of 40MW of nameplate capacity each year.
- Solar from 26-250 kW has been shifted to competitive bidding with a “ceiling price” set for 2018 by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board and approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission; solar projects  $\leq$  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 2018. 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.
- 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.

### New aspects of the 2018 Program Year include:

- Medium-Scale Solar (26-250 kW) has been shifted to competitive bidding with a “ceiling price” set by the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board.

### General eligibility requirements

- 2018 Eligible Renewable Energy Technology Classes include Solar, Wind, Hydropower, and Anaerobic Digestion.

### 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](http://ngrid.com/REGrowth) for more information on the application process, current classes, ceiling prices, current enrollment rules and official tariffs.