

Renewable Energy Growth Program

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Solar energy program available for homes and small businesses.

Application

Selection

Construction and Interconnection

Compensation and Operation

Interested in solar energy for your home or small business? National Grid has the right 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 28.55¢ to 32.25¢ per kilowatt-hour for solar generation in a Performance-Based Incentive (PBI). PBIs are set by the RI Distributed Generation Board, approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission and applicable from 4/1/2018 thru 3/31/2019.
 - **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 6.55 MW for 2018. National Grid will accept applications until the 6.55 MW capacity is met.
- Shared Solar is eligible to participate.

General eligibility requirements and information

- Solar arrays must be ≤ 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 can apply to RE Growth via an interconnection application to National Grid. All application forms and supporting documents required to issue an applicant conditional approval and a Certificate of Eligibility must be received by March 31, 2019, for the applicant to be eligible for the 2018 program year tariff level and capacity.
- Please visit our website at www.ngrid.com/REGrowth for pricing, current enrollment rules and official tariffs.