Renewable Energy Tariff Proposed Application Fee

I. Proposed Application Fee Calculation

Eversource proposes no changes to the Application Fee or Tariff Payment Beneficiary Change Fee of the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions ("RRES") Program.

Application Fee	$163
Tariff Payment Beneficiary Change Fee	$22

II. Application Fee Calculation Justification

The current applications fees approved by the Authority were designed to partially offset the total administrative costs of the RRES program without creating a barrier to customer participation.

Eversource collected a total of $1,520,126 in fees from approximately 9,985[1] applications through the 12 months ending June 30, 2026 and expects to incur $1,760,735 in program operation costs for 2026[2]. The current ongoing administrative cost per application is approximately $176 based on these amounts. The Company also incurs a cost of approximately $5.00 per application for services to enable integrated payment of application fees within the RRES/Interconnection application portal.

PURA also directed in its November 1, 2023 Final Decision in Docket No. 23-08-02 that 25% of the cost incurred for an independent Ombudsperson be recovered through RRES application fees. Ombudsperson costs incurred by Eversource totaled $30,096 for the 12 months ending June 30, 2026. 25% of this amount totals $7,524. Eversource recommends that the EDCs seek to recover this amount through fees collected from approximately 10,000 annual statewide RRES Program applications, or $0.75 per application.

Eversource proposes maintaining the current application fee of $163 to cover operations expenses, payment processing fees and Ombudsperson costs listed above. The current application fee is offsetting a substantial portion of the administrative costs incurred by Eversource for managing the RRES program. Eversource will continue monitor the balance of application fee revenue and costs incurred for RRES program administration and will advise PURA should the Company determine that proposed fees are expected to vary from actual program administration costs significantly and permanently.

[1] Compliance, Order No. 11 in Docket No. 25-08-02, filed July 15, 2026
[2] RRES 2026 Projected Costs, 26-01-03 Exhibit 26, filed January 15, 2026