STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM REVIEW AND RATE SETTING - YEAR 6	: :	DOCKET NO. 26-08-02 AUGUST 19, 2026

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Save the Sound respectfully submits the following written comments as part of the Annual Review of the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program – Year 6 in response to the Notice of Request for Written Comments issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (the Authority) on August 4, 2026.

The Authority has requested that docket Participants and interested stakeholders provide written comments on a number of topics, including the following:

1. Program Manual Updates:

The Authority requests written comments on the proposed Program Manual, metering diagrams and guidelines, and other RRES Program documents, as filed by the EDCs in Motion No. 7.1

Save the Sound has no objections to the proposed changes.

2. Application Fees

The Authority requests written comments on the EDCs' proposed application fees as filed in Motions No. 4 (Eversource) and 5 (UI).

Save the Sound supports the proposed application fees for the Year 6 program as striking the appropriate balance among the program objectives. In the Residential Tariff Decision, the Authority established the following five Program Objectives to guide the development, implementation, and administration of the RRES Program.

> 1. The sustained, orderly development of the state's solar industry, ensuring at a minimum that Connecticut's annual historical deployment of residential solar is maintained (i.e., approximately 50-60 MW per year);
> 2. Achieve a 100% zero carbon electric grid by 2040, including by promoting additional annual deployment of residential renewable energy as needed;
> 3. Balance participant costs and benefits with non-participant costs and benefits and electric system costs and benefits;
> 4. Ensure program accessibility for customers, by providing customer protections both explicitly through resources and disclosure forms, and also through simplified program and tariff designs; and

5. Encourage increased inclusivity overall, as well as program participation by low- and moderate-income (LMI) customers and customers in environmental justice communities.[1]

Specifically, we believe that the proposed fees appropriately balance participant and non-participant costs while recognizing the solar deployment headwinds that have been created by the early sunsetting of federal clean energy tax credits pursuant to the 2025 federal budget bill.[2] Given these headwinds, the EDCs have indicated that RRES applications have been lower in 2026 than in prior years. The proposed application fees will ensure that potential RRES participants are not further deterred from participating in the program and maintain the sustained orderly deployment of solar in Connecticut and advance our goal of reaching a100% zero-carbon electricity grid by 2040.

3. Multi-Family Affordable Housing Eligibility Requirements

The Authority requests stakeholder comments on whether RRE sizing or siting requirements should be adjusted for MFAH projects, and whether the Buy- All incentive rate setting methodology should differ between 1-4 family and MFAH RRES projects.

Save the Sound has no recommendations with respect to programmatic changes for MFAH projects.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. We look forward to continuing our engagement with the Authority, the EDCs and all of the stakeholders to ensure the continued success of the RRES Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] Docket No. 25-08-02, Annual Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Review – Year 5, Final Decision at 3 (Dec. 17, 2025), https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/e0db5db918c7be9685258d63005588cd/$FILE/250802-121725.pdf.

[2] *See* One Big Beautiful Bill Act, H.R. 1, 119th Cong. (2025), https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1/text.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on this 19th day of August 2026, a copy of the foregoing document was served upon each person designated on the Authority's official service list in this proceeding in accordance with R.C.S.A. § 16-1-15.

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