STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-08-03
ANNUAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS
PROGRAM REVIEW – YEAR 6

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS
(August 20, 2026)

In 2021, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) established the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) Program, which serves as a combined successor program to the state's Low and Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit (LREC/ZREC) and Virtual Net Metering (VNM) programs for non-residential customers. Decision, June 30, 2021, Docket No. 20-07-01, PURA Implementation of Section 3 of Public Act 19-35, Renewable Energy Tariffs and Procurement Plans (Final Decision). Pursuant to Section III.K. of the Final Decision, the Authority initiates a docket annually to review key program metrics with stakeholders and to evaluate whether and how the program should be modified to more fully accomplish the objectives established in the Final Decision. The above-captioned proceeding serves as the administrative record of the Authority's review and approval of the Year 5 NRES program rules and other key program documents and compliance filings. The Authority may include additional relevant topics regarding program implementation at its discretion.

FIRST NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

To facilitate the Authority's evaluation of the NRES Program, the Authority requests that docket participants and interested stakeholders file written comments on or before **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026,** addressing the following topics:

1. **Recommended Price Caps and Bid Preferences**

In Order No. 3 of the December 17, 2025 Decision in Docket No. 25-08-03, Annual Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Review– Year 5 (Year 5 Decision), the Authority directed the EDCs to file annually, by August 1, "bid preferences and price caps for the subsequent program year." Year 5 Decision, p. 19.

Accordingly, the Authority requests written comments on the EDCs' recommended bid preferences and price caps submitted in their July 29, 2026 filing (Motion No. 4).[1]

[1] Available at: https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/e84a88e9a50a391785258e43005717f0?OpenDocument.

2. Recommended Programmatic Changes

In Order No. 14 of the Year 5 Decision, the Authority directed the electric distribution companies (EDCs) to file by August 1, 2026, "recommended programmatic changes, and updated Program Manual (both a redline and clean version) . . . Such recommended changes and associated program documents shall be accompanied by a narrative document explaining how the recommended changes better achieve the Program Objectives." Year 5 Decision, p. 22.

The Authority requests written comments on the EDCs' July 30, 2026filing (Motion No. 5), including whether any recommended changes will advance the NRES Program Objectives.[2]

3. Recommended Application Fee

In Order No. 19 of the Year 5 Decision, the Authority directed the EDCs to file by August 1, 2026, "an updated proposed nonrefundable application fee to cover the administrative costs associated with running the NRES Program, based on the most recent application numbers and administrative cost data." Year 5 Decision, p. 23.

The Authority requests written comments on the EDCs' recommended nonrefundable bid fees submitted in their July 30, 2026 Order No. 19 compliance filing.[3]

4. Budget Allocation

In the Year 5 Decision, the Authority adopted a budgetary cap for the NRES Program. Year 5 Decision, pp. 10-13. The total 2026 NRES Program budget is capped at the total estimated budget for all projects selected in calendar year 2024, which total $18,341,058 for Eversource and $6,400,737 for UI. Id., p. 13. This budget equates to a 74% allocation for Eversource and 26% allocation for UI, while the megawatt (MW) cap for the program allocates 80% to Eversource and 20% to UI.

Accordingly, the Authority requests feedback on whether the budgetary caps should be rebalanced to match the 80%/20% MW allocation between Eversource and UI.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut this 5th day of August, 2026.

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By Direction of the Presiding Officer,



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