Year 6

Request for Proposals

for

Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program

of

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource")

and

The United Illuminating Company ("UI")

Issue Date for February Solicitation: FEBRUARY 1, 2027

EVERSOURCE AND UI RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS OR PROPOSALS

THE COMPANIES ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO THIS RFP BASED ON PENDING REGULATORY DECISIONS. IN THE EVENT CHANGES ARE MADE, NOTICE OF SUCH CHANGES WILL BE POSTED AND HIGHLIGHTED ON THE COMPANIES' RESPECTIVE WEBSITES.

1 GENERAL.

1.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE RFP. The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource"), and The United Illuminating Company ("UI") (each a "Company" and collectively the "Companies"), are hereby issuing this joint Request for Proposals ("RFP") in furtherance of the "Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program" (the "Program," "NRES") established pursuant to PA 19-35 Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of Section 3(a)(2) as amended by PA 22-14, PA 23-102, PA 24-151, and PA 25-173 as codified in §16-244z of the Connecticut General Statutes, collectively "the Acts".

1.2 PROGRAM SUMMARY. In accordance with the Acts, the Companies have developed this RFP for the purchase of energy and renewable energy certificates produced by eligible generation projects over the duration of each applicable tariff. This RFP provides a description of the tariffs available, and this Program.

1.3 **CAPITALIZED TERMS; HEADINGS.** Capitalized terms used but not defined in the body of this RFP have the meanings given to such terms in the Tariff Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Credits and Energy from Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Projects ("Tariff Agreement"[1]), included as Attachment 1 to this RFP. The headings to articles and sections throughout this RFP are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to all articles, sections and provisions of this RFP, and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this RFP or the Tariff Agreement.

1.4 **INVITATION TO BID**. You are invited to submit a proposal ("Bid") as a bidder ("Bidder") to be considered for selection to be awarded a long-term agreement for the purchase of RECs and energy produced by your Facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of a fully executed Tariff Agreement. Pursuant to applicable law and regulation, the Companies will not accept Bids in excess of the following amounts per MWh for the Buy-All Tariff.

TABLE 1 - NRES PROGRAM YEAR 6 BUY-ALL PRICE CAPS

NRES Buy-All Price Caps		
Category	**Price Cap**	**Price Cap for 100% Solar Canopy/Solar Carport Projects ONLY**
Small Zero Emission	$TBD/MWh	N/A
Medium Zero Emission	$TBD/MWh	$TBD/MWh
Large Zero Emission	$TBD/MWh	$TBD/MWh

[1] The Form of Tariff Agreement may be updated between the issuance of this RFP and the Tariff Agreement execution.

School Solar	$TBD/MWh	$TBD/MWh

The Netting Price Caps for each Category and Retail Rate can be calculated using the following formula ensuring that the Net Present Value ("NPV") Retail Rate used in said formula is derived from the most recent version of the Bid Price Calculator which was filed and approved in Docket No. 26-08-03 and is available on the EDCs websites:

Buy-All Price Cap - NPV Retail Rate ($/MWh) = Netting Price Cap ($/REC)[2]

The resulting Netting Price Caps for each category and each company are included below for reference:

[2] In the situation where the Netting Bid Price Cap would be less than $0, Bidders should treat the Netting Bid Price Cap as $0/REC.

Table 2 - UI Year 6 NRES Program Netting Tariff Rate and Price Caps by Project Size Category, Rate Class, Technology, and Project Type ($/REC)

Rate Class	Small Zero Emission Netting Tariff Rate		Medium Zero Emission Netting Price Cap		Large Zero Emission Netting Price Cap	
Non Time-of-Use Rates						
R	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
GSN	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
GSD	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
Time-of-Use Rates						
	Solar	**Non-Solar**	**Solar**	**Non-Solar**	**Solar**	**Non-Solar**
RT	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-N	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-SS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
LPT-SS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-LRS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
LPT-LRS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD

100% Solar Canopy/Carport Netting Price Caps ($/REC)				
Rate Class	**Medium Zero Emission**		**Large Zero Emission**	
Non Time-of-Use Rates				
R	$ TBD		$ TBD	
GSN	$ TBD		$ TBD	
GSD	$ TBD		$ TBD	
Time-of-Use Rates				
	Solar	**Non-Solar**	**Solar**	**Non-Solar**
RT	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A
GST-N	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A
GST-SS	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A
LPT-SS	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A
GST-LRS	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A
LPT-LRS	$ TBD	N/A	$ TBD	N/A

School Solar Category Netting Prices ($/REC)			
Rate Class	**Without Adder**	**With Brownfield or Distressed Municipality Adder**	**With 100% Carport/Canopy Adder**
Non Time-of-Use Rates			
R	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD

GSN	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GSD	$ TBD	$81.72	$ TBD
Time-of-Use-Rates			
	Without Adder	**With Brownfield or Distressed Municipality Adder**	**With 100% Carport/Canopy Adder**
RT	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-N	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-SS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
LPT-SS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
GST-LRS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
LPT-LRS	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD

Table 3 - Eversource Year 6 NRES Program Netting Tariff Rate and Price Caps by Project Size Category, Rate Class, Technology, and Project Type ($/REC)

Netting Price Caps ($/REC)					**Netting Tariff Rate ($/REC)**	
Rate Class[3]	**Medium Zero Emission**		**Large Zero Emission**		**Small Zero Emission**	
Non Time-of-Use Rates						
1	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
5	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
30	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
30a	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
35	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
40	$ TBD		$ TBD		$ TBD	
Time-of-Use Rates						
	Solar	**Non-Solar**	**Solar**	**Non-Solar**	**Solar**	**Non-Solar**
7	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
27	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
27a	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
37	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
41	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
55	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
56	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
57	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
58	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD

3 Netting projects cannot interconnect behind a meter on a customer retail rate that is not shown in Table 3.

100% Carport/Canopy Netting Price Caps ($/REC)		
Rate Class	**Medium Zero Emission**	**Large Zero Emission**
Non Time-of-Use Rates		
1	$ TBD	$ TBD
5	$ TBD	$ TBD
30	$ TBD	$ TBD
30a	$ TBD	$ TBD
35	$ TBD	$ TBD
40	$ TBD	$ TBD
Time-of-Use Rates		
7	$ TBD	$ TBD
27	$ TBD	$ TBD
27a	$ TBD	$ TBD
37	$ TBD	$ TBD
41	$ TBD	$ TBD
55	$ TBD	$ TBD
56	$ TBD	$ TBD
57	$ TBD	$ TBD
58	$ TBD	$ TBD

School Solar Category Netting Prices ($/REC)			
Rate Class	**Without Adder**	**With Brownfield or Distressed Municipality Adder**	**With 100% Carport/Canopy Adder**
Non Time-of-Use Rates			
1	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
5	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
30	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
30a	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
35	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
40	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
Time-of-Use Rates			

	Without Adder	With Brownfield or Distressed Municipality Adder	With 100% Carport/Canopy Adder
7	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
27	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
27a	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
37	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
41	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
55	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
56	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
57	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD
58	$ TBD	$ TBD	$ TBD

1.5 **QUALIFICATION.** To be considered for selection, a Bid must meet all requirements set forth in Section 4, ("Bid Evaluation"), and adhere to the schedule and other requirements set forth in Section 2, ("RFP Process).

1.6 **EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA.** Each Company will base its independent evaluation and award(s) on (i) qualified Bids, (ii) pricing, and (iii) compliance with the RFP Process.

1.7 **PURA APPROVAL.** Any agreement entered into for the purchase of energy and RECs pursuant to this solicitation is contingent upon obtaining Regulatory Approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") as set forth in the Tariff Agreement. Pursuant to applicable Connecticut General Statutes and PURA requirements, the Companies will submit required information to PURA following each Bid award. If any of the Bids and/or Tariff Agreements do not meet the objectives of PURA, PURA may reject the Bid(s) and Tariff Agreement(s). Article 12 of the Tariff Agreement addresses the possibility that PURA may not approve the Bid(s), and/or Tariff Agreement(s), and/or individual awards.

1.8 **NATURE OF SOLICITATION**. The Companies will evaluate all conforming Bids, however, the Companies make no commitment to any Bidder that it will accept any Bid(s). The Companies reserve the right to discontinue the RFP process at any time for any reason whatsoever. This is a Request for Proposals and not a binding offer to contract.

1.9 **TARIFF AGREEMENT.** In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Tariff Agreement or any other part of this RFP or RFP Process, the provisions of the Tariff Agreement are controlling. Bidders should review the Tariff Agreement thoroughly and submit their Bids based upon the terms and conditions of the Tariff Agreement, which will solely govern the transactions between the winning Bidders and their counterparty Company through the term of the resulting Tariff Agreements.

1.10 **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The receiving Company agrees to treat Bids in a confidential manner and will use reasonable efforts, except as required by law or regulatory authority, not to disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than in connection with its evaluation of Bidder's participation in the solicitation process described herein and to obtain Regulatory Approval. Bidders are hereby on notice that, subject to relevant PURA orders, all Bid submissions are subject to regulatory oversight and all Bids submitted by any Bidder may be publicly disclosed within the time periods set forth in such orders, as may any awarded contract in its entirety. The Companies suggest that Bidders familiarize themselves with the relevant orders, as these regulatory orders may change from time to time.

2 RFP PROCESS

2.1 **SCHEDULE.** Table 5 – February RFP Schedule and Table 6 – August RFP Schedule hereto provide the schedules for these RFPs. The Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedules at any time.

2.2 **BIDDERS CONFERENCE.**[4] The Companies will hold Bidders Conferences to answer questions about the RFPs in accordance with the RFP Schedules. The purpose of the Bidders Conferences is to provide the opportunity to clarify any aspects of the RFPs. The Companies will attempt to answer questions during the Bidders Conferences. While the Companies may respond orally to questions posed at the Bidders Conferences, only written answers that are provided in response to written questions will be considered official responses. The Companies will post responses to Bidders' questions on their websites following the Bidders Conferences. Please see Section 6 herein for contact information, including Company websites.

2.3 **PROCESS OVERVIEW**

2.3.1 Each Bidder must submit its Bid to the appropriate EDC in whose service territory the Project is located. Projects outside of the applicable EDC's service territory are ineligible.

2.3.2 For Projects participating in the Year 6 Small Zero Emission category, the Tariff Rate has been administratively set by PURA in the amount of $ TBD/MWh for the Buy-All Tariff and subject to the Tariff Rates outlined in Section 1.4 herein for the Netting Tariff.

2.3.2.1 Small zero emission project selection process: (1) if capacity is reached via bids submitted during the Two-Week Window, selection is based on a lottery, and (2) if capacity is not reached during the Two-Week Window, all eligible projects submitted during the Two-Week Window

[4] The Bidders Conference will be held as a Webinar only.

are selected, and subsequent to the Two-Week Window, eligible projects are selected on a rolling, first-come first-served basis.

2.3.2.2 All bids in each EDC's standby queue will expire on the date when the results of each EDC's procurement for the NRES Program are approved by PURA.

2.3.3 Bids submitted for Projects in the Year 6 Medium and Large Zero Emission categories are subject to the annual price caps as determined by PURA as noted in Section 1.4 herein.

2.3.4 For Projects participating in the Year 6 School Solar Category the Tariff Rate has been administratively set by PURA in the amount of $ TBD/MWh for the Buy-All Tariff and subject to the Tariff Rates outlined in Section 1.4 herein for the Netting Tariff.

2.3.5 Each EDC will separately submit selected Projects to PURA for Regulatory Approval.

2.4 BID SUBMISSION

2.4.1 **Bid Forms:** Each EDC will develop and maintain its own form to be used for Bid submission ("Bid Form"). Each EDC will provide a website link containing such EDC's Bid Form and EDC-specific instructions for Bid submission, as well as any additional forms that Bidders may be required to complete.

2.4.2 **Submission of Bids:** Bids must be submitted in accordance with the EDC-specific instructions. Bidders must comply with the instructions to ensure that their Bids are complete. In addition to completion of the Bid Form, Bidders must provide a Bid Certification Form, and may be required to provide a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification Form, or other forms as necessary based on the specifics of the Bid. Bidders who claim the designation of any of the Bid Preferences as designated by PURA may also be required to submit additional documentation proving such qualification. Specific instructions for how to provide these additional documents may vary by EDC, and are set forth in the EDC-specific bid instructions.

2.4.3 **Bid Details:** Bidders must submit their Bids by using the EDC-specific Bid Form, which contains the majority of the information necessary for the Companies to evaluate Bids. At a minimum, the information listed below may be required for Bid submission. However, additional/supplemental information is or may be required as set forth herein:

<u>Bid Form Information</u>

- Bid Certification Form from the current Program Year

- Bidder name
- Customer name
- Owner of the Project Site
- Customer billing account number
- Project Site Address
- An affidavit that the Project has not received grants and/or rebates from the CT Green Bank
- An affidavit that the Project is not a Shared Clean Energy Facility
- An affidavit of site control
- An affidavit that the Project has not received an agreement under the LREC/ZREC Program or the NRES Program that is not in-service at the time of bid submission
- An affidavit attesting that Bidder represents that the proposed Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions project has not been split to qualify for a different Program category
- An affidavit attesting that Project splitting is for the purposes of the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program only and does not affect how the Projects will be reviewed under other regulatory processes not within PURA's jurisdiction, such as DEEP permitting processes or Connecticut Siting Council review
- Tariff Payment Beneficiary Name (if applicable)
- Indicated percentage of payments to be allocated to Tariff Payment Beneficiary and Customer of Record (if applicable)
- System size in kW (AC). This cannot be modified after bid submission.
- Tariff Type (Netting/Buy-All). This cannot be modified after bid submission.
- Historical load data to demonstrate that a system meets applicable sizing requirements in Section 4.2 of the NRES Program Manual.
- If a Bidder seeks to qualify a technology other than Solar PV, such as small hydro or wind, then such Bidder must submit a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer certification that includes the average annual production of the Project.
- Copy of the most recent Customer bill
- For New Construction Projects and Projects sized to future Beneficial Electrification load, a copy of documentation certified by a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer certifying the Customer load estimated to materialize over the five years following the Project's In-Service Date attributable to these items will be required, with the exception of Buy-All Rooftop Projects. The Professional Engineer Certification Form on the EDCs' websites must be submitted along with the CT Licensed Professional Engineer certified calculations.
- For Projects indicating at the time of Bid submission that they meet any of the Bid Preference criteria, an explanation with supporting description

and/or documentation is necessary for each such Bid Preference at the time of Bid Submission to the respective EDC via the Bid Preference Explanation and Description form

- For State, Agricultural, or Municipal ("SAM") Projects seeking to qualify for the Distressed Municipality Bid Preference using a Municipal Beneficial Account whose electric service is not physically located within a Distressed Municipality, the Bidder must provide evidence to the applicable EDC that such Beneficial Account is owned by a Distressed Municipality and has an electric account that is paid for by a Distressed Municipality. A non-exhaustive list of such evidence includes electric bills for the Beneficial Account showing that a Distressed Municipality pays for the account's electricity, deeds or titles for the land that the Beneficial Account is on proving Distressed Municipality ownership, or lease agreements or options to lease signed by a Distressed Municipality. The EDC may accept alternative evidential documentation at its sole discretion if such alternative documentation is approved by the EDC prior to bid submission.

- Projects seeking to participate in the School Solar program must provide a completed School Solar Pre-Application Checklist. The Project's Interconnection Agreement must be fully executed before Bid submission.
- Other Bid requirements as determined by the EDCs
  - Specific instructions for how to provide all bid documents may vary by Company, and are set forth in the Company-specific instructions.

    - TO EVERSOURCE: Bids must be submitted to Eversource via the Eversource Bid Portal which can be found on the Eversource NRES Program page linked here.

    - TO UI: Bids must be submitted to UI via the UI Bid Portal which can be found on the UI NRES Program page linked here.

2.4.3.1 "Bid Certification Form". This five (5) page form is mandatory. Every Bid must be accompanied by an executed Bid Certification Form, which must contain four signatures, one by the Bidder, one by the Owner of the Project Site, one from the Customer of Record, and one from the Tariff Payment Beneficiary if that entity is not the Tariff Agreement Customer. The Bid Certification Form is an integral part of the Bid, and Bids that do not include a complete and executed Bid Certification Form, including all signatures as required pursuant to the specifics of the Bid, will not be considered. For purposes of clarification, for all Bids, pages 2, 3, and 4 are mandatory and page 5 the Tariff Payment Beneficiary section is mandatory only if a Tariff

Payment Beneficiary other than the Tariff Agreement Customer is elected. Each Company's website contains a Bid Certification Form with the Company-specific instructions as to how such form is to be submitted.

- The five-plus page Bid Certification Form consists of the following:

  - Page 1 – Instructions for completion of Pages 2 through 5

  - Page 2 – Bidder's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Bidder or a duly authorized representative of the Bidder is making a number of certifications, including that the information provided in the Bid is complete and accurate, and that the Bidder and the Project meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this RFP as discussed in Section 5 herein.

  - Page 3 - Tariff Agreement Customer's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Tariff Agreement Customer or a duly authorized representative of the Tariff Agreement Customer is making a number of certifications, including that the Tariff Agreement Customer has reviewed the statements and certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the Project Bid are true and accurate to the best of the Tariff Agreement Customer's knowledge.

    2.4.3.1.1 Page 4 - Affidavit of Owner of the Project Site's Notarized Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: The Bidder must have and certify site control to the EDC prior to submitting such Bid. Signing this affidavit along with providing documentation as additional attachments to the Bid Certification Form proving site control such as deeds (including but not limited to, Warranty Deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Executor's Deeds, Trustee's Deeds, any other valid proof of ownership), written leases, options to lease, memorandums of lease, memorandums of options to lease, and contracts to purchase, represents certification of site control. The Owner of the Project Site must sign this affidavit, which is required to be witnessed by a Notary Public. By signing the affidavit, the Owner of the Project Site or a duly authorized representative of the Owner of the Project Site is making a number of affirmations and certifications, including that the Owner of the Project Site has reviewed the statements and

certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the Project Site are true and accurate to the best of the knowledge of the Owner of the Project Site.

- For projects where the SAM Customer Host is not the Owner of the Project Site, the Bidder must provide the following documentation at the time of Bid submission:
  - An affidavit signed by the Owner of the Project Site demonstrating that the SAM Customer Host: (1) has control of the Project Site or an unconditional right to obtain site control; (2) has authorized the Bidder, if different than the Customer Host, to submit a NRES bid for the Project Site; and 3) is authorized to participate in the NRES Program for the entire 20-year Tariff Term should the Bid be selected; and
  - Documentation proving site control for the entire 20-year Tariff Term including but not limited to written leases, options to lease, memoranda of lease, options of memorandum to lease, and contracts to purchase.

- Page 5 – Tariff Payment Beneficiary Signature, Commitment, and Acceptance (If Applicable): By signing this page of the Certification form, the Tariff Payment Beneficiary is making a number of certifications, including that the Tariff Payment Beneficiary has reviewed the requirements, terms and conditions, and obligations of the Tariff Payment Beneficiary as they pertain to this Program.

- Both EDCs require that the five-plus (5+) page Bid Certification Form must be attached to the Bid as one single PDF (.pdf) file prior to submission as part of the completed Bid. Both the Bid and Bid Certification Form are submitted at the same time. The most current Bid Certification form must be used. Other previous versions of the Bid Certification Form are not acceptable.

2.4.3.2 "Customer Disclosure Form". A filled out and signed Customer Disclosure Form is required to ensure that NRES customers are not subject to deceptive marketing practices or solar agreements. The Third-Party Ownership Customer Disclosure Form should be used when the Customer of Record is not the System Owner and the Direct Ownership Customer Disclosure Form should be used when the Customer of Record is also the System Owner. The Disclosure Form must reflect the same information provided in the online bid, including Project size, tariff type, and compensation.

2.4.3.3 "Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification". A Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification is required to validate system sizing eligibility requirements pursuant to Sections 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 of the NRES Program Manual.

2.4.3.4 "Copy of the most recent Customer Bill". For any projects proposed at a site with existing customer electric service, a copy of the most recent customer bill must be included.

2.4.3.5 "Historical Load". Program participants must provide 12 consecutive months of load from the prior five years during the Bid submission process. When 12 consecutive months of load data is not available, the Bidders shall provide as much historical load data as available. For SAM Customers, load data for up to five Beneficial Accounts must be provided to support the Bid. The percentage of load being used for Project sizing must be provided for each Beneficial Account.

2.4.3.5.1 The EDCs will perform the load analysis review during eligibility screening for the given NRES RFP Bid submission and will consider current loads associated with the Beneficial Accounts for a given SAM Project Bid.

2.4.3.6 "Proof of Agricultural Customer Status". For Agricultural Projects, Program participants must provide the following[5] during the Bid submission process:

- One Year of Tax Returns with a Schedule F
- A Farmer's Tax Exemption Permit
- A NAICS Classification Code beginning with an 11

3 COMPENSATION STRUCTURES

3.1 The Compensation Structures are described in Section 3.2 of the NRES Program Manual and will be selected at the time of Bid submission. Compensation Structure selections cannot be modified following Bid submission, either before or after the system receives Approval to Energize from the utility. Incorrect selection of Tariff Compensation Structure will not be considered a curable error.

[5] Any of the proposed requirements may be fulfilled with documentation that was valid at any point in the last three years per Final Decision in Docket No. 23-08-03 from November 8, 2023.

4 BID EVALUATION[6]

4.1 The evaluation and selection of Bids will be independently and separately performed by each EDC for Projects in their respective service territories pursuant to Section 5.3 of the NRES Program Manual.

5 BID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All Bids must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 4 of the NRES Program Manual and Bidders must submit both the Non-Refundable Bid Fee and Performance Assurance at the time of Bid submission as follows:

5.1.1 Non-Refundable Bid Fee: Bidders will be required to pay a non-refundable Bid fee of $450 at the time of Bid submission. The Bid fees will be used to offset the costs to administer the Program.

5.1.2 Performance Assurance: Performance Assurance based on Project Size is required for all Projects at the time of Bid submission in the amount of $25.00 per kW (AC).

5.1.2.1 Performance Assurance shall not accrue interest.

5.1.2.2 Failure by a Bidder to provide Performance Assurance in a form acceptable to the EDC at the time of Bid submission as required shall result in immediate and automatic disqualification of the Bid without opportunity to cure.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT/COMMUNICATIONS.

6.1 The evaluation of this RFP will be conducted in a manner to ensure all Bidders are treated in a fair and consistent manner. The evaluation criteria and timing of the bidding process will be the same for all Bidders.

6.2 Bidder Questions:

6.2.1 The Companies will be available throughout this RFP process to receive questions. Such questions should be submitted directly to the Program administrators at the following addresses and in accordance with the RFP Schedules (Table 5 and Table 6):

Eversource: CTCOMMRenewables@eversource.com

UI: NRES@uinet.com

[6] Refer to Appendix A - Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Guidelines for Bid Price Comparison for further clarification including guidance on Negative REC Bids.

6.2.2 Responses to written questions from Bidders may be posted in a blind Question and Answer format on:

Eversource: Eversource's Renewable Energy Solutions webpage is linked here.

UI: UI's NRES Program webpage is linked here.

6.3 Each of the Companies adheres strictly to a Code of Conduct for affiliate transactions promulgated by PURA.

TABLE 5 – February RFP Schedule*

Action Item	**Date**
Bidders Conference – Webinar Only	January 19, 2027
Deadline for Submission of Questions	January 26, 2027
Release of RFP and Opening of Bid Window for All Project Size Categories, and Opening of Two-Week Window for Small Zero Emission Category	February 1, 2027 at 1:00:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT")
Close of Two-Week Window for Small Zero Emission Category	February 16, 2027 at 1:00:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT"), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
Bid Forms Due for All Categories	March 15, 2027 by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT"), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders for All Categories	On or about May 3, 2027
Tariff Agreement Execution	After Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders. Bidders will have to return partially executed contracts by the date established by the Companies which is expected to be approximately 10 business days.
Tariff Agreement(s) Filed with PURA	Date to be determined at the Authority's discretion
Commencement of Service	In accordance with Tariff Agreements

* Pursuant to Section 2.1, Schedule, the Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.

TABLE 6 – August RFP Schedule*

Action Item	Date
Bidders Conference – Webinar Only	July 20, 2027
Deadline for Submission of Questions	July 27, 2027
Release of RFP and Opening of Bid Window for All Project Size Categories, and Opening of Two-Week Window for Small Zero Emission Category	August 2, 2027 at 1:00:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT")
Close of Two-Week Window for Small Zero Emission Category	August 16, 2027 at 1:00:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT"), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
Bid Forms Due for All Categories	September 13, 2027 by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT"), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders for All Categories	On or about November 1, 2027
Tariff Agreement Execution	After Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders. Bidders will have to return partially executed contracts by the date established by the Companies which is expected to be approximately 10 business days.
Tariff Agreement(s) Filed with PURA	Date to be determined at the Authority's discretion

* Pursuant to Section 2.1 of the RFP, Schedule, the Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.

Attachment 1

Tariff Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Credits and Energy from Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Projects ("Tariff Agreement")

1. **Cover Sheet inclusive of Tariff Payment Beneficiary Form as applicable**
2. **Terms and Conditions**