

The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy December 22, 2023

Final Procurement Plan for the Year 2 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program

Pursuant to Order No. 5 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's ("the "Authority" or "PURA") November 9, 2022, Decision in Docket No. 22-08-03 (the "Decision"), The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") hereby submits its Year 2 Procurement Plan for the approval of an additional 78¹ 20-Year Tariff Agreements for the purchase of Energy and Class I Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") from renewable energy projects in Connecticut from the August NRES RFP. Pursuant to the PURA approved Year 2 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions ("NRES") Program Rules ("Program Rules") and Public Act 19-35, Eversource conducted a solicitation from August 2023 to December 2023 for:

- (i) RECs and Energy from Low Emission Class I renewable projects (0-5000 kW) totaling 7.6 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments; and,
- (ii) RECs and Energy from Zero Emission Class I renewable projects in the following three categories:
 - a. Small Zero Emission projects (less than or equal to 200 kW) totaling 7.8167 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments; and,
 - b. Medium Zero Emission projects (greater than 200 and less than 1000 kW) totaling 12.8669 MW¹ in Tariff Agreement commitments; and,
 - c. Large Zero Emission projects (greater than or equal to 1000 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW) totaling 10.930 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments.

This Year 2 NRES Final Procurement Plan outlines the competitive procurement process and the results of the same for those projects that executed Agreements and provided Performance Assurance in the Year 2 August Request for Proposals ("RFP").

Below is a summary of the capacities for the Year 2 August RFP:

¹ Eversource has included the CEFIA Holdings/Department of Corrections Agreement (ESNRES-00557) in all aspects of this filing except Exhibit D as the Agreement has not yet been executed. See Dkt. 22-08-03 Motion No. 26 Ruling dated December 19, 2023.

	Low Emission	Large Zero Emission	Medium Zero Emission	Small Zero Emission	Total
MW Available for August	3.2000	14.0000	10.0000	8.0000	35.2000
MW Reallocated from February	4.8000	-1.1030	1.4000	-0.1629	4.9341
Total MW Available for August	8.0000	12.8970	11.4000	7.8371	40.1341
MW Reallocated	0.0000	-1.4669	1.4669	0.0000	0
MW Executed	7.6000	10.9300	12.8669	7.8167	39.2136
MW Remaining	0.4000	0.5001	0.0000	0.0204	0.9205

I. The Procurement was Conducted in Compliance with the PURA-Approved Solicitation Plan and the Decision

A. Overview of Procurement Process and Schedule

Eversource issued joint RFPs with The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) for Year 2 Low Emission, Large Zero Emission, Medium Zero Emission, and Small Zero Emission Projects in February and August, 2023. The Year 2 RFPs were conducted in accordance with the Authority-approved Year 2 Program Rules. As Eversource provided information regarding the February solicitation in its Interim Procurement Plan for the Year 2 NRES Program filed on June 30, 2023, Eversource provides the following information relative to the August solicitation specifically. Eversource received a strong response to the Year 2 August NRES RFP with a total of 299 complete bids received. Many bidders did not ultimately submit bid information that clearly and sufficiently addressed eligibility requirements of the NRES program which required Eversource to contact bidders to confirm or ask for additional information to validate eligibility for an average of 2 issues per bid. Eversource allowed bidders to clarify or supplement information contained in their original bid but did not allow material revisions to bids during the eligibility process. The detailed review of bid information and extensive communication with bidders to clarify or supplement information was necessary for the Company to ensure it was awarding agreements to projects consistent with program rules and statutory requirements, which ultimately required an extension to the date of selection and notification of winning bidders in the original RFP schedule to November 9, 2023. Eversource notified the NRES distribution list throughout the eligibility process and provided updates on the anticipated date of selection and notification of winning bidders as appropriate, and ultimately complied with the schedule for the August RFP set forth below:

TABLE 1 – August RFP Schedule (Year 2 RFP)

Action Item	Date
Release of RFP	August 1, 2023
Bidders Conference – Webinar Only	August 8, 2023
Deadline for Submission of Questions	August 15, 2023
Bid Forms Due	September 14, 2023 by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time “EPT”), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
First Round of Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders for Medium and Large Zero Emission and Low Emission Categories	On or about October 13, 2023
Bid Forms Due for Small Zero Emission Category	October 16, 2023
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.
Subsequent Round of Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders	Approximately 5 business days after initial Tariff Agreement Execution date (date on which executed Tariff Agreement is due to the EDC for the first round of selection). After each Tariff Agreement Execution Date, each EDC will reevaluate its available MWs and reallocate to the next project(s) in the queue as necessary in accordance with the RFP and notify selected Bidders accordingly.
Tariff Agreement(s) Filed with PURA	On or before December 31, 2023
Commencement of Service	In accordance with Tariff Agreements

B. Overview of Procurement Results

Eversource received 299 Bids by the August RFP deadline of 1:00 PM (Eastern Prevailing Time) on September 14, 2023 for the competitive categories, and the deadline of October 16, 2023 for the Small Zero Emission category. These Bids were comprised of 3 Low Emission Bids, 8 Large Zero Emission Bids, 43 Medium Zero Emission Bids, and 245 Small Zero Emission Bids.

As a result of some selected Bidders not accepting Eversource’s Tariff Agreement offer and executing the Agreements by the applicable deadline, Eversource had capacity remaining the Year 2 August Small Zero Emission, Medium Zero Emission, and Large Zero Emission categories after the first round of selection and notification of winning bidders. The available capacity in the Small Zero Emission category was then offered to the next eligible Project(s) in

the queue up to but not in excess of the annual capacity allocation for that category. At the conclusion of the first round of selection, the remaining capacity in the Large Zero Emission category was insufficient to accept the next project in the queue. Therefore, Eversource combined the remaining capacity in the Medium and Large Zero Emission categories and ultimately reallocated the majority of the remaining capacity in the Large Zero Emission category to the Medium Zero Emission category in accordance with Section 4.12.2 of the RFP. This allowed Eversource to select additional projects in the Medium category.

Upon completion of the August Procurement, Eversource received Performance Assurance and partially executed Tariff Agreements for 78² Projects which were comprised of the following:

- 3 Low Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 7.6 MW. The remaining .4 MW will be rolled into the Year 3 NRES Low Emission category.
- 3 Large Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for total capacity of 10.93 MW. 1.4669 MW were reallocated to the Medium Zero Emission category to select the next project(s) in that queue. This resulted in .50010 MW remaining in the Year 2 Large Zero Emission category.
- 15² Medium Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 12.867 MW. After the first round of selection, Eversource reallocated 1.4669 MW from the Large Zero Emission category to the Medium Zero Emission category to select the next projects in the Medium Zero Emission queue.
- 57 Small Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 7.817 MW. The remaining 0.0204 MW was insufficient to select the next project in the queue and will therefore be rolled into the Year 3 Small Zero Emission category.

Upon completion of the Year 2 February and August NRES Procurements, Eversource received Performance Assurance and partially executed Tariff Agreements for a combined total of 202² Projects as shown below:

² Project number ESNRES-00557 which is associated with Motion No. 26 in Dkt. 22-08-03 is allowed until January 8, 2024 to execute the Agreement. Eversource has included this project in all data represented herein as though it has been executed.

	Low Emission	Large Zero Emission	Medium Zero Emission	Small Zero Emission	Total
# Projects Selected in February	8	8	19	97	124
# Projects Selected in August	3	3	15 ²	57	78
Total # of Projects Selected	3	11	34	154	202
MW Available	8.0000	35.0000	25.0000	20.0000	88.0000
MW Reallocated	0.0000	-1.4669	1.4669	0.0000	-
MW Executed	7.6000	33.0330	26.4669	19.9796	87.0795
MW Remaining	0.4000	0.5001	0.0000	0.0204	0.9205

In accordance with the Program Rules, the MWs not allocated in the Year 2 NRES RFP will be rolled into their respective categories in the Year 3 NRES RFP.

Bid(s) Disqualified:

Between August and November, 2023, Eversource performed Bid evaluations to accurately determine Projects eligible for consideration in the NRES Program. Upon completion of its assessment, Eversource determined that sixteen (16) Bids were not eligible for NRES Program participation based on eligibility criteria established in the Year 2 NRES Program Rules. As explained in our November 8, 2023 Compliance filing in docket 22-08-03, the bids were disqualified for the following reasons: (1) Size to load requirements; (2) Crossover with the LREC/ZREC Program; (3) Failure to respond to the eligibility email; (4) Existing NRES project not yet in-service.

Eversource reviewed all bids in accordance with the PURA approved modified program rules and determined that all of the disqualifications noted above did not present unnecessary barriers to entry, and their disqualifications were not in conflict with the objectives of the program, and therefore were clear violations of program rules which were not rectifiable. Eversource communicated both the reason for disqualification and the supporting language from the program rules to each affected Bidder at the time of disqualification notice.

C. List of Exhibits

Below is a list of exhibits to this Year 2 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Procurement Plan. The exhibits include information that is responsive to guidance provided by the Authority regarding information needed in connection with the Authority's review and approval of the Tariff Agreements.

Exhibit A: Year 2 NRES Procurement Plan

Exhibit B1: List of bids received and selected for both February and August

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Exhibit B2: (Confidential) List of bids received and selected for both February and August

Exhibit C: Form of Tariff Agreement executed by all project owners

Exhibit D (Confidential): Partially Executed Tariff Agreements for August only, excluding
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