

The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy

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Interim Procurement Plan for the Year 3 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program – February Solicitation

Pursuant to Order No. 18 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority’s (“the “Authority” or “PURA”) June 30, 2021, Decision in Docket No. 20-07-01 (the “Decision”), The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) hereby submits its Year 3 Procurement Plan for the approval of 144 20-Year Tariff Agreements for the purchase of Energy and Class I Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) from renewable energy projects in Connecticut. Pursuant to the PURA approved Year 1 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (“NRES”) Program Rules (“Program Rules”) and Public Act 19-35, Eversource conducted a solicitation from February 2024 to June 2024 for:

- (i) RECs and Energy from Low Emission Class I renewable projects (0-5000 kW) totaling 5.0 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 – RECs and Energy from Class I renewable projects (less than or equal to 200 kW) totaling 14.37 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments; and,
 - b. Medium Zero Emission – RECs and Energy from Class I renewable projects (greater than 200 and less than 1000 kW) totaling 13.65 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments; and,
 - c. Large Zero Emission – RECs and Energy from Class I renewable projects (greater than or equal to 1000 kW and less than or equal to 5000 kW) totaling 17.75 MW in Tariff Agreement commitments.

This Year 3 NRES Interim 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 3 February Request For Proposals (“RFP”).

Below is a summary of the capacities available in the Year 3 February RFP:

	Low Emission	Large Zero Emission	Medium Zero Emission	Small Zero Emission	Total
MW Available	5.04	18.9	15.04	14.58	53.56
MW Executed	5.0	17.75	13.65	14.37	50.77
MW Pending	1.98	5.0	1.0	0.2	8.18
MW Remaining	-1.94	-3.85	1.0	0.02	

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 a joint February RFP with The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) for Year 3 Low Emission, Large Zero Emission, Medium Zero Emission, and Small Zero Emission Projects. The Year 3 February RFP was conducted in accordance with the Authority-approved Year 3 Program Rules. Eversource complied with the schedule for the RFP set forth below to the best of our ability. Eversource received a strong response to the Year 3 February NRES RFP with a total of 278 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 1.15 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. Small Zero, Medium Zero, Large Zero, and Low Emission award notifications were sent on May 15, 2024. Eversource notified the NRES distribution list and provided updates on the anticipated date of selection and notification of winning bidders as appropriate, and ultimately complied with the schedule for the RFP set forth below:

TABLE 1 – February RFP Schedule

Action Item	Date
Bidders Conference – Webinar Only	January 23, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Questions	January 30, 2024
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, 2024 at 1:00:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time “EPT”)
Close of Two-Week Window for Small Zero Emission Category	February 14, 2024 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 14, 2024 by 1:00:00 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, 2024
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	At the conclusion of the award notification process
Commencement of Service	In accordance with Tariff Agreements

B. Overview of Procurement Results

Eversource received 278 Bids by the deadline of 1:00 PM (Eastern Prevailing Time) on March 14, 2024 for all categories. These Bids were comprised of 8 Low Emission Bids, 8 Large Zero Emission Bids, 28 Medium Zero Emission Bids, and 234 Small Zero Emission Bids.

Three bids subsequently withdrew after bid submission. In accordance with the RFP¹, Eversource used capacity from the August RFP to select the complete capacity of the next Bid in all project categories. As of the date of this filing, Eversource is awaiting return of 4 agreements and will submit a supplemental filing seeking the Authority's approval of the pending agreements that are returned. These 4 agreements are not included in the MW capacities and numbers of executed agreements in this document. Two awarded bids did not execute the agreements; one in the Small Zero Emission category and one in the Medium Zero Emission category.

Upon completion of the February Procurement, Eversource received Performance Assurance and partially executed Tariff Agreements for 144 Projects which were comprised of the following:

- 2 Low Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 5.0 MW. A total of 1.94 MW was taken from the MWs allocated to the August RFP in order to select the entire capacity of the next project in the queue.
 - 1 additional Low Emission project agreement with a capacity of 1.98 MW will be submitted for approval in a supplemental filing.
- 4 Large Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for total capacity of 17.75 MW. A total of 3.84 MW was taken from the MWs allocated to the August RFP in order to select the entire capacity of the next project in the queue.
 - 1 additional Low Emission project agreement with a capacity of 5.0 MW will be submitted for approval in a supplemental filing.
- 15 Medium Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 14.65 MW. A total of 0.61 MW was taken from the MWs allocated to the August RFP in order to select the entire capacity of the next project in the queue. One project did not execute the agreement and 1.0 MW will be reallocated to the August RFP.
 - 1 additional Medium Zero Emission project agreement with a capacity of 1.0 MW will be submitted for approval in a supplemental filing.
- 123 Small Zero Emission Tariff Agreements for a total capacity of 14.37 MW. A total of 0.002 MW was taken from the MWs allocated to the August RFP in order to select the entire capacity of the next project in the queue. One project did not execute the agreement and 0.02 MW will be reallocated to the August RFP.

¹ Sections 4.4.2 and 4.5.2 of the Program Manual state, "If selecting the last Project in the category's queue would cause the EDC to exceed 60 percent of the category's annual capacity allocation (i.e., the MWs allocated to the February solicitation), the EDC shall accept the full Project capacity, up to but not in excess of the category's total annual capacity cap."

- 1 additional Small Zero Emission project agreement with a capacity of 0.2 MW will be submitted for approval in a supplemental filing.

Bid(s) Disqualified:

Between March and May 2024, Eversource performed Bid evaluations to accurately determine Projects eligible for consideration in the NRES Program. Upon completion of its assessment, Eversource determined that twenty-nine (29) Bids were not eligible for NRES Program participation based on eligibility criteria established in the Year 3 NRES Program Manual. As explained in our May 15, 2024 Compliance filing in docket 23-08-03, the bids were disqualified for the following reasons: (10) Size to load requirements – systems sized higher than historical load; (11) Splitting of a single project into multiple smaller projects; (1) Violating parcel segmentation rules; (2) Project site address is on the Tier 1 or Tier 2 Multi-Family Affordable Housing List; (5) Failure to respond to the eligibility email.

Eversource reviewed all bids in accordance with the PURA approved modified program rules and determined that all disqualifications noted above did not present unnecessary barriers to entry, and the 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 3 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Interim 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 3 NRES Interim Procurement Plan

Exhibit B1: List of bids received and selected

Exhibit B2: (Confidential) List of bids received and selected

Exhibit C: Form of Tariff Agreement executed by all Tariff Agreement Customers

Exhibit D (Confidential): Partially Executed Tariff Agreements