

Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Questions and Responses from Webinars

Note: the following Questions and Answers pertain to **Residential Renewable Energy Solutions**.

Program Transition & Timing

1. **Q:** When will the Connecticut Green Bank stop approving Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP) and RSIP-Extension (RSIP-E) incentive applications?

A: The RSIP and RSIP-E are expected to reach their capacity in October 2021. Visit cgbrsip.powerclerk.com for updates.

2. **Q:** What does the expiration of the RSIP and RSIP-E mean for customers interested in installing solar in the remaining months of 2021?

A: When RSIP and RSIP-E reach capacity, the Connecticut Green Bank (“CGB”) will stop reviewing and approving new incentive applications. If capacity becomes available (due to cancellations), some new projects may be approved at the CGB’s discretion. This means that some residential solar customers who install solar toward the end of 2021 will not receive a CGB incentive and would not yet be eligible for an incentive through the new Connecticut Residential Renewable Energy Tariff Program (“Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program”), launching January 1, 2022. Projects falling within this timeframe can still receive the existing residential net metering rate through Eversource and UI. Note, the existing net metering rate currently being offered is only available for qualified systems that submit a complete application to interconnect through Eversource or UI before January 1, 2022. After January 1, 2022, the only utility incentive available will be through the new Residential Renewable Energy Program.

3. **Q:** What will be the role of the Connecticut Green Bank in the new Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program?

A: The new Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program will be administered by Eversource and UI. Connecticut Green Bank may serve as a consultant to assist PURA’s Office of Education, Outreach and Enforcement (“EOE”) with various duties related to contractor education and enforcement.

4. **Q:** I have an approved RSIP or RSIP-E incentive. What happens if I do not apply for interconnection before January 1, 2022?

A: If an approved RSIP or RSIP-E project cannot receive existing net metering (due to missing the 12/31/21 interconnection application deadline), the RSIP or RSIP-E incentive will be cancelled, and the customer can apply under the new Residential Renewable Energy Program. RSIP and RSIP-E qualified projects **must** receive the existing net metering rate (this rate is available for qualified systems that submit a completed application for interconnection before 12/31/2021).

5. **Q:** When can I expect to learn more details regarding application, eligibility, and process for the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program?

A: Eversource and UI have submitted extensive program materials to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“PURA”) for review and approval in Docket No. 20-07-01 and Docket No. 21-08-02. As documents are formally approved by PURA that information will be shared via multiple channels including on each utility’s website and via webinars for solar contractors (developers) in the fourth quarter 2021.

6. **Q:** When will the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program begin accepting applications?

A: The Program will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2022. A renewable energy system is not eligible for the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program if the System Owner has received Approval to Operate or Approval/Permission to Interconnect from either Eversource or UI prior to January 1, 2022 and/or if the Application to Interconnect was submitted prior to January 1, 2022.

7. **Q:** What happens if I previously received an incentive through RSIP? And what if I am adding more generation at my residence?

A: If a solar project has already received or been approved for an incentive under the Connecticut Green Bank’s RSIP, the project is not eligible to participate in Residential Renewable Energy Solutions for the same solar PV project.

However, if a customer is adding generation to a property with an existing system, the new system will be separately metered. The existing system will continue to be compensated utilizing the former net metering or Residential Renewable Energy Solutions rate and the new system will be compensated in accordance with the Buy-All incentive rate in effect at the time of submission of a complete Application.

8. **Q:** Are the documents that were filed on October 15, 2021 in Docket No. 21-08-02 expected to be final documents to go live Jan. 1? (i.e. final tariff docs, disclosure forms, SOQ’s)?

A: Eversource and UI do expect the documents noted as approved in the 21-08-02 Interim Decision close to final, which would include the documents filed on October 15, 2021

9. **Q:** Do you anticipate documents will be updated on an annual cadence similar to the tariff rates?

A: The documents will be updated based on timelines provided in PURA Decisions within Dockets 21-08-02 and 20-07-01.

10. **Q:** Are we going to get a step-by-step training on how to submit for this program?

A: Yes, both utilities are hosting two Application Webinars on different dates. Here are those opportunities:

LIVE SESSIONS	Date & Time	Link
Eversource Application Webinar- Session 1	Tues. 12/07 11AM	Registration Link: Eversource Application Webinar Session 1
Eversource Application Webinar - Session 2	Tues. 12/14 11AM	Registration Link: Eversource Application Webinar Session 2
UI Application Webinar - Session 1	Wed. 12/08 9AM	Registration Link: UI Application Webinar Session 1
UI Application Webinar - Session 2	Wed. 12/15 9AM	Registration Link: UI Application Webinar Session 2

Program-specific Questions:

11. **Q:** What is the new Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program?

A: Connecticut Public Act 19-35, *An Act Concerning a Green Economy and Environmental Protection*, created this program to ensure continued growth of the residential renewable energy market at the end of the Connecticut Green Bank solar program and the state’s existing net metering policy. Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program offers residential solar installations the opportunity to sell the energy and renewable energy certificates (RECs) at a fixed 20-year price by selecting one of two incentive rate structures: 1) Buy-all or 2) Netting. Under the Buy-All incentive rate structure Eversource or UI will purchase all the energy and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) generated by the qualified project. Under the Netting incentive rate structure Eversource or UI will purchase all RECs generated by the qualified project, and in addition will provide monetary on-bill credits on the customer’s electric bill for any energy exported to the electric grid and not consumed on site.

12. **Q:** What are the rates that apply to the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program?

A: PURA issued its Interim Decision in Docket No. 21-08-02 on October 6, 2021, which included the 2022 Buy-all and Netting Tariff rates. Based on this Interim Decision, the below incentive rates will be in effect for eligible Applications received beginning January 1, 2022.

	Buy-All Rate (\$/kWh)	Netting Rate (\$/kWh)	
		Incentive Rate	REC Rate
Eversource	\$0.2943	Customer’s Retail Rate	\$0.0318
UI	\$0.2943	Customer’s Retail Rate	\$0.0000
Low-Income Adder		\$0.025	
Distressed Municipality Adder		\$0.0125	

13. **Q:** Will the rates remain the same in years to come?

A: PURA has established an annual rate setting review process to evaluate whether the program is achieving its objectives (e.g., deploying 50 to 60 MW per year), which may result in adjustments to the rates from year-to-year.

14. **Q:** What is the reason for the target of 50-60 MW of residential solar per year?

A: The goal, which is not a cap, was established by the State of Connecticut to generally continue current residential market activity levels.

15. **Q:** What is the size limit for Residential Renewable Energy Solutions?

A: The size limit for Residential Renewable Energy Solutions is 25 kW.

16. **Q:** Is the Buy-all tariff rate is subject to review and adjustment each year?

A: Yes, the Buy-all rate will be re-evaluated by PURA on an annual basis. Once a customer enrolls during a program year, their Buy-all rate is locked in for 20 years. For Netting incentive customers, the compensation for net generation will be based on the retail rate, which will change over time, while their REC rate will be locked in for 20 years.

17. **Q:** Why would a customer chose Buy-all vs Netting?

A: Residential Renewable Energy Solutions was designed to be neutral on which option, Netting or Buy-all, a customer selects. The rate setting process aimed to set rates that provide approximately a 10% return for customers regardless of which incentive structure they select.

18. **Q:** Can you explain what portion of the netted kWh production will receive the \$.0318/kWh REC payment?

A: All net kWh recorded by the Production meter (production less parasitic load) will receive the REC incentive of \$0.0318/kWh in Eversource territory only. UI does not have a REC incentive for 2022. The rates, including REC rate, will be evaluated by PURA on an annual basis.

19. **Q:** Is inflation a consideration for the buy-all rate? For example, in 10 years the retail rate could be up to \$0.30 and I'm still selling power at a fixed tariff rate locked in at \$0.20?

A: PURA leads the rate-setting process, which accounted for the following aspects:

- 1) Average upfront installed system cost;
- 2) The federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC);
- 3) Ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) costs;
- 4) System performance (e.g., capacity factor);
- 5) Retail electricity rates, including an assumed escalation factor; and

6) The unlevered IRR for each tariff (i.e., the buy-all and netting tariffs).

More information on the rate-setting process can be found in Docket 21-08-02.

20. **Q:** If we already have Title records on file, can we submit those in lieu of the Assessor's card?

A: If a Title clearly shows the information that is being requested, we will accept it.

21. **Q:** Regarding the options for meeting the energy assessment requirement, why not address the health and safety barriers rather than sidestep them?

A: The intention of our energy assessment requirement and guidance is to allow customers reasonable options to achieve energy efficiency before installing solar at their residence without creating barriers to participate in Residential Renewable Energy Solutions. If a health and safety barrier would prevent a residence from having energy efficiency measures installed in their home, they are able to still receive the DOE Home Energy Score. The Conservation and Load Management teams at Eversource and UI would be the best resource to engage for guidance around health and safety barriers to energy assessments.

22. **Q:** For the annual consumption calculation that drives system sizing limits, do the 12 months in the last 5 years selected as the baseline have to be sequential or can it be any individual 12 months?

A: In verifying system size, the utilities will review historical kWh consumption for any consecutive 12-month period within the last 5 years and will allow a 5% variance before any allowances for electric vehicles and/or heat pumps. Those allowances are:

- Electric Vehicle (up to 2) = 3,285 kWh per EV
- Whole-home Air Source Heat Pump = 3,608 kWh
- Whole-home Ground Source Heat Pump = 2,458 kWh

Documentation supporting addition of these electrification measures is not required.

23. **Q:** Are there only heat pump or EV kWh allowances? What about inground pool heater and/or hot tubs which also increase consumption significantly?

A: Yes, whole-home heat pumps and EV charging are the only allowances. Heat pumps and electric vehicles are in support of the CT's clean energy goals whereas pool heaters and/or hot tubs would not be.

24. **Q:** For the annual consumption calculation on a home having between 2-4 units, will the consumption calculation account for the sum of all onsite accounts, or only one?

A: For 1-4 family properties, a qualified system must be associated with a single utility billing account. However, system sizing (kWh) can account for full premise load being served by the solar PV. At the time of application the applicant should provide the additional billing account numbers located on the premise that would be served by the solar. The total nameplate AC capacity for all qualified systems on a premise may not exceed 25kW.

If there are two housing units on a single property, the system size for those two units cumulatively could not exceed 25kW AC total.

25. **Q:** Will energy modeling software be accepted to meet the energy assessment requirement?

A: No. Guidance on meeting the energy assessment requirement is as follows:

For a property to be eligible for the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions program, the property must have had in-home HES or HES-IE energy assessment after 2011. At the time of application, the Customer of Record must verify that their property had either completed a HES or HES-IE assessment after 2011 or must have scheduled such an assessment.

In the event that the residence was not able to move forward with a HES or HES-IE assessment due to the existence of a health and safety barrier or not eligible for efficiency measures to be installed due to the age of the home, Eversource and UI will accept proof of completion of a Department of Energy Home Energy Score (DOE HE Score) performed at the residence. In addition, Eversource and UI will accept proof of a Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) assessment that was performed at the residence within the 15 years of the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Application.

New construction projects are not required to have an energy assessment in order to apply for the Tariff. In certain limited circumstances, one-to-four family homes may not be eligible for any of the energy assessments described above. In these instances, the utilities may provide a good cause exception to the energy assessment requirement.

26. **Q:** Are the income-eligible adders only for the Buy-all option?

A: The income-eligible adders apply to both the Buy-all and Netting options. For Buy-all it is added to the total incentive rate. For Netting it is added to the REC incentive. This is also true in UI territory where the 2022 REC rate is \$0.00. For example, an income eligible customer who selects the Netting incentive structure would get \$0.025 / kWh as the REC incentive.

27. **Q:** With the Netting incentive option, do the customers receive the incentive value on the value of the production used in the home and not crossing the meter?

A: The netting incentive has two parts: 1. Any energy produced by the solar, but not consumed on-site will be considered “net excess generation,” and will be compensated at the customer’s retail rate as monetary on-bill credits. 2. The REC incentive is based on net production on the production meter, which is the production less any parasitic load. Incentive adders would apply to the net production on the production meter.

28. **Q:** Will there be a REC incentive for UI customers after 2022?

A: Rates are determined annually by PURA through their Renewable Energy Tariff Program Review and Rate Setting proceeding.

29. **Q:** How often is the REC payment made?

A: Eversource and UI will make direct REC payments associated with the Netting incentive structure on a quarterly basis. Direct payments made as part of the Buy-all incentive structure will be made quarterly by Eversource and monthly by UI.

30. **Q:** I noticed New Haven was available for the distressed community adder a few weeks back, but I didn't see it on list today. Can I get confirmation on whether New Haven is a distressed community?

A: The current Distressed Municipality list can be accessed here:

https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/About_DECD/Research-and-Publications/02_Review_Publications/Distressed-Municipalities

31. **Q:** Did I see that "add-on" systems can only select Buy-all incentive?

A: If a customer is adding generation on to an existing system, the new system must be buy-all and will be separately metered. The existing system will continue to be compensated utilizing the tariff and rate(s) in effect based on their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and the new system will be compensated in accordance with the Buy-All rate in effect at the time of application

32. **Q:** Does retail rate include standard Eversource/UI service supply rate or is it specific to each customer if they have a 3rd party supplier?

A: The retail rate is calculated based on standard offer service rates.

33. **Q:** What is the typical time from application submittal to Permission to Operate (PTO)?

A: UI and Eversource intend to operate the Renewable Energy Solutions application review process in conjunction with the existing approved processes for Distributed Generation Interconnections, with the goal of maintaining timelines as noted in each utility's current approved Distributed Generation Interconnection Guidelines. Note that timing is a function not only of utility review cycle, but also completeness, accuracy, and other factors associated with the application submission. Generally, conditional approval can be provided in 2-5 weeks from submission of the application and payment of the application fee, whichever comes later. Final PTO, is dependent on several factors, including weather, time to construct the system and for approval by the municipal inspector. Currently most interconnections receive PTO 30-60 days after application.

34. **Q:** What's the thinking behind giving customers the option to make partial payments to other beneficiaries?

A: Through PURA's stakeholder engagement in developing this program, stakeholders generally agreed on the importance of providing all residential customers with accessible and more affordable financing options that reduce the risks to customers and lenders.

35. **Q:** Is the netting option the only way for someone other than utility (e.g. homeowner or 3rd party) to own the RECs?

A: By enrolling in either the Netting or Buy-all incentive options the system owner is assigning the RECs over to the utility.

36. **Q:** Is the W-9 required for both Netting and Buy-All options?

A: Yes. W-9s are needed for to the utilities to ensure compliance with any and all applicable tax law. These are required any time a direct payment will be made. For the Buy-all option this is when a Tariff Payment Beneficiary is assigned, and for the Netting option this is when there are REC payments (including any adders) that will be made.

37. **Q:** Is the entire value of the Buy-all tariff subject to taxation?

A: Customers should consult a tax professional as to the taxability of any utility incentives.

38. **Q:** For the Buy-all incentive option, is the REC rate of \$.0318 added to the tariff of \$.2943 or included in it?

A: The Buy-all rate of \$.2943 is inclusive of the REC rate.

39. **Q:** Can a customer assign the Netting incentive REC payments to themselves?

A: Yes.

40. **Q:** Can the SEIA disclosure forms be submitted to satisfy the disclosure requirement? <https://www.seia.org/research-resources/solar-transaction-disclosures>

A: No. Renewable Energy Solutions has PURA-approved disclosure forms.

41. **Q:** If a contractor has already submitted an interconnection application in 2020, could they opt into the new tariff program post-2021?

A: The applicant may cancel their previous interconnection application if they have not already received Permission to Operate or had meters installed. Once that previous application is cancelled, the applicant may apply to Residential Renewable Energy Solutions on or after January 1, 2022.

42. **Q:** How will residential projects greater than 25 kW AC be compensated?

A: Projects above 25 kW may be eligible for the Non-residential program.

43. **Q:** Can the incentives be aligned with the PV solar hardware 25-year warranty?

A: The regulatory approved term rate for Residential Renewable Energy Solutions is 20-years.

44. **Q:** Are you making a distinction between customer of record and system owner?

Example: System owner installs solar on his house and opts for the buy-all incentive structure. He begins to rent out the house to another homeowner. The electrical account is no longer in the system owner's name. Can he change the % allocation so that he (the system owner) receives the direct payment?

A: Yes, the Customer of Record is a customer associated with an Eversource or UI account. The Customer of Record's name appears on the electric bill. A System owner is any person or entity that, alone or in conjunction with others, has legal ownership of a Qualified Project. The System Owner may, but is not required to be, the Customer of Record.

45. **Q:** Does the Home Energy Audit have to be completed before PTO?

A: If the project is meeting the energy assessment requirement through Home Energy Solutions (HES) or Home Energy Solutions Income Eligible (HES-IE), either one of these must be completed or scheduled at the time of application.

46. **Q:** If we are no longer applying for the net metering for UI how do we obtain a job number?

A: For Eversource, project numbers will still be assigned the same way. This number will now serve as both the interconnection ID/project number and Residential Renewable Energy Solutions ID/project number. UI is still developing its job number request process and anticipates being able to provide additional details at the December 8th and 15th Application webinars.

47. **Q:** Can the utilities provide job numbers automatically at the time of application submission?

A: At this time Eversource and UI are not able to provide job numbers at the time of application. UI is still developing its job number request process and anticipates being able to provide additional details at the December 8th and 15th Application webinars.
For Eversource, the current practice will continue of issuing the Work Order number for all paid applications when contingent approval is issued.

48. **Q:** Can you describe how you envision this program working with 3rd-party ownership of a residential system?

A: The Residential Buy-all or Netting incentive structures apply to both customer-owned or third party owned (lease / PPA) systems. For third-party owned systems under the Netting incentive structure, the customer of record would receive monetary on-bill credits for their netted production; and they can assign the REC incentive direct payments either to themselves or to a designated third-party Tariff Payment Beneficiary. For the Buy-all option, the incentive could be split such that any percentage (0%-100%) goes to the customer of record as an on-bill credit, and the remaining percentage can be assigned as a direct payment to a third-party Tariff Payment beneficiary (in the case of the buy-all this must be someone than the customer).

49. **Q:** For the buy all option, is the size of the array limited by the local load? If so, why? Why not permit a site with a larger potential to build a larger array?

A: The program only allows oversizing to accommodate anticipated additional future load associated with one or two electric vehicles and/or whole-home electric heat (ground or air source heat pumps),

50. **Q:** Can the Beneficiary be an established charity?

A: Yes, a charity can be identified as a Tariff Payment Beneficiary.

51. **Q:** How will annual usage be calculated for a new homeowner?

A: System sizing will be based on an energy model submitted during application to substantiate the proposed system size. Acceptable models include, but are not limited to, the following:

- REM/Rate
- EkoTrope
- WUFI Passive
- EQuest
- REVIT
- Manual J

52. **Q:** Will the dollar denominated on-bill Netting incentive be applied against the customer service charges as well as kWh charges on customers bill?

A: Yes, on-bill credits apply to any charges on the bill.

53. **Q:** There are many different types of renewable energy. For example, if a homeowner owns a hydroelectric generator at their home is it eligible?

A: Residential Renewable Energy Solutions was created to support the growth of residential solar in Connecticut and act as the successor program to the Connecticut Green Bank's RSIP, which was specifically focused on solar. Any other types of residential renewable energy projects seeking to apply to this Program should email ctresirenrenewables@eversource.com or res.renewableenergysolutions@uinet.com requesting an exception and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

54. **Q:** How does a project > 25 kW interconnect?

A: Per the State of CT legislation, the cap for residential projects is 25 kW. Projects that exceed this threshold will need to apply for interconnection via the Fast Track and Study process and may be eligible to participate in the Non-residential renewable energy tariff program.

Additional information on Eversource interconnections can be found here:

<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/about/about-us/doing-business-with-us/builders-contractors/interconnections/connecticut-application-to-connect>

Additional information on UI interconnections can currently be found here:

www.uinet.com/renewableenergysolutions (will be live in December 2021)

55. **Q:** After 20 years, and the Buy-all or Netting agreement ends, does the interconnection agreement continue?

A: The Interconnection Agreement (IA) is a standalone contract between the generator contractor and utility that contains the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties thereto for the interconnected life of a facility. The length of the term is pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of the IA and may differ with each project.

56. **Q:** Is there any information on what battery programs will available to compliment this?

A: There is a Battery Storage incentive program being co-administered by the Connecticut Green Bank and the utilities beginning January 1, 2022. Information about this program can be found currently within the PURA Docket website under Docket 17-12-03 RE03.

57. **Q:** How can I find out more about PURA processes and Dockets?

A: Those interested in learning more about PURA processes and dockets can visit the PURA website (<https://portal.ct.gov/pura>) or can reach out to Laura Lupoli (Laura.Lupoli@ct.gov).

58. **Q:** Who maintains access to the REC payouts if the system owner sells the home under the netting tariff? Does the original system owner maintain access, or does this transfer to the next homeowner/system owner?

A: For Buy-All projects that have not assigned a 3rd party Tariff Payment Beneficiary, all of the payment credits will be assigned to the new customer that moves into a dwelling/property which has an existing generation system operating under the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions. If a Buy-All project has assigned the payment to a 3rd party Tariff Payment Beneficiary, there will be no change to the 3rd Tariff Payment Beneficiary payment upon the change of the customer of record.

For Netting projects that have assigned a third-party Payment Beneficiary for the REC payments, there will be no change to the third-party Payment Beneficiary REC payments upon the change of customer of record.

If the system owner owns the home and sells it, REC payments will transfer to the new owner if a request to change the third-party Tariff Payment Beneficiary form is received by the utility for Netting incentive projects. For Buy-All incentive projects, if a Customer moves into a dwelling/property which has a generation system that has been compensated at either the former net metering rate or at a new Renewable Energy Solutions incentive rate the new Customer will receive the prevailing rate, which is the same rate originally assigned to the Customer who enrolled the system in the tariff at the dwelling/property.

There is a third-party Beneficiary change fee, the specific amount is pending PURA approval.

59. **Q:** What is happening to current solar net metering customers? Will they be transferred over into the new program?

A: Customers participating in the current net metering rate will remain on that rate until their solar PV system is removed.

60. **Q:** Is there a requirement to apply to be a qualified installer in the program?

A: There is no requirement to apply to be a “qualified installer.”

61. **Q:** In the two home, two meters on one property scenario, would combining the meters and applying for the commercial incentive be a possibility?

A: Systems over 25 kW in size will be eligible to participate in the Non-Residential competitive procurement if all other eligibility criteria are met.

62. **Q:** Please elaborate on the calculation / estimation process the utilities will use to compare AC system size to historical load. What site factors are included in this production estimate based on inverter size?

A: The utilities will review consumption data and allow system sizing up to highest 12 consecutive months over last 5 years. These 12 months do not need to be within same calendar year, but they must be consecutive.

63. **Q:** If homeowners/contractors have questions about either solution, will they call the general customer service line at UI and Eversource or is there a direct number/email address to reach out to?

A: Please utilize the following email addresses for questions:

Eversource:

Residential Renewable Energy Solutions: ctresirenewables@eversource.com

Interconnection Questions: ctgd@eversource.com

UI:

Residential Renewable Energy Solutions: Res.renewableenergysolutions.@uinet.com

Interconnection Questions: Generator.connection@uinet.com

64. **Q:** What is the procedure to retrofit an existing net metered system with storage? i.e. Does the battery-only installation have to apply for interconnection through this tariff, or can the battery apply for interconnection as part of the previously installed system?

A: Batteries must go through the interconnection process but would apply only as storage and not apply for Renewable Energy Solutions if no additional solar generation is being added.

65. **Q:** If I install kW in March of 2022 and add to the size in Sept 2022, am I still limited to the buy-all for my selection?

A: Yes.

66. **Q:** What if you size the system with modeling software and the homeowner wants to go with the Netting option then after the 1st year, they use more than what we predicted? The only way to add more modules to accommodate them and receive an incentive would be to switch over to the buy-all?

A: Yes

67. **Q:** Can you assign Netting credits across multiple accounts?

A: Not in Residential Renewable Energy Solutions.

68. **Q:** Will there be an easy way to get the 60-month historic usage?

A: The utilities are not able to share customer consumption data with installers. Customers may request usage data by calling customer service for each utility.

69. **Q:** Will battery storage be able to be feedback for benefits?

A: Residential Renewable Energy Solutions does not preclude a system from discharging to the grid.

70. **Q:** What platform will installers use to calculate solar production?

A: In Eversource territory installers may continue to use PowerClerk, the application portal, to calculate solar production. For UI, installers must utilize their own methods to calculate first year estimated solar production and enter it into the UI application. As UI transitions to the PowerClerk tool, UI will look to include this functionality into the design and implementation of the new system

71. **Q:** Will Residential Renewable Energy Solutions program data be used for future incentive calculator adjustments?

A: UI and Eversource anticipate that program data will be used by both the utilities and PURA to inform future programmatic changes including potentially future incentive calculation adjustments.

72. **Q:** Do all customers need to submit a W-9? Even if REC incentives are applied as on-bill credit for the Netting incentive option?

A: A W-9 needs to be submitted for customers that designate Tariff Payment Beneficiaries to receive direct payments (not on-bill credits). These direct payments may be either a percentage of the Buy-All incentive or the REC payments associated with the Netting incentive.

73. **Q:** For a 1099, would that include income from the REC direct cash payment incentive and any on bill credits?

A: Customers should consult a tax professional as to the taxability of any utility incentives.

74. **Q:** If a customer would like to self-consume their solar production with no export to the grid, is an interconnection agreement needed?

A: Yes, the system must go through the interconnection process and have a REC-meter installed in order for the EDCs to calculate the generation value.

75. **Q:** Will there be a sample utility bill available for view for each solution?

A: The Utilities will consider developing a sample bill for each solution.

76. **Q:** Will the Netting on-bill credit be applied against the customer service charge as well as kWh use?

A: The netting on-bill credit can be applied toward any bill charges.

77. **Q:** Do previously installed systems that received incentive through RSIP count towards the 25 kW size limit?

A: No. The 25 kW size limited would be for new installed systems that apply after January 1, 2022.

78. **Q:** When a house sells that is enrolled in Netting or Buy-all, will the new owner have a choice of which incentive type they prefer?

A: No, the prevailing incentive structure for the premise would be transferred to the new owner for the duration of the term.

79. **Q:** After the tariff expires at the end of the 20-year term, can you confirm the interconnection continued without additional action on the part of the host or system owner?

A: The Interconnection Agreement (IA) is a standalone contract between the generator contractor and utility that contains the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties thereto for interconnected life of a facility. The length of the term is pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of the IA and may differ with each project.