

Frequently Asked Questions Associated with the Year 5 Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program of The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and The United Illuminating Company (“UI”)

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Bid Eligibility		
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1.	Would a Project owner be allowed to participate in NRES with a 5 MW system AND participate in SCEF with 5 MW system on the same Parcel?	Yes, but they must be staggered. An existing Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program ("NRES") Project must be in-service before a Bid for a Project of the same class of technology on the same parcel in the Shared Clean Energy Facilities ("SCEF") program would be eligible. See section 4.1 of the Program Manual for eligibility requirements.
2.	What are the Project segmentation rules around common ownership and contiguous Parcels for Projects that are not New Construction?	There are no segmentation rules around common ownership or contiguous Parcels that apply to Projects that are not New Construction. See section 4.1 of the Program Manual for eligibility requirements.
3.	For a Rooftop Project being built on a building with multiple tenants, each with their own revenue meter, can the developer apply for a small NRES Tariff Agreement for each tenant? Or would the total Project size inclusive of all panels serving all tenants be used to determine which program size category to participate in?	See section 4.1 of the Program Manual for eligibility requirements. Customers are eligible to submit only one Netting Bid per technology or one Netting Bid for a Project that uses a combination of technologies (i.e., a wind turbine that has associated solar panels) at any Revenue Meter during any single respective solicitation. Customers are eligible to submit only one Buy-all Bid per technology or one Buy-All Bid for a Project that uses a combination of technologies (i.e., a wind turbine that has associated solar panels) at any Parcel or contiguous Parcels under common ownership during any single respective solicitation. Bid If the Project is a Rooftop Buy-All, it can be submitted in association with a common area meter or it can be submitted as New Construction. New Construction Buy-All Projects at sites with existing electric service cannot apply production credits to any existing accounts. For Rooftop Buy-All Projects constructed on physically separate rooftops on the same Parcel, one Bid per building rooftop will be allowed in a single respective solicitation.
4.	Would multi-family housing properties participate in the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program or the NRES Program?	If a "residential" coded location (i.e.: receiving service through rate 1, 5, or 7 through Eversource or R, or RT through UI) does not meet the criteria for the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program (RRES), it may qualify for the NRES Small category. Please see the definition for 'Residential Customer' in the NRES Program Manual. See Eversource guidance on Affordable Multi-Family Housing Projects here: https://eversource-solar.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/26155191342611-Can-I-apply-as-a-Multi-Family-Affordable-Housing-project

5.	Does demonstrating site ownership require direct ownership, or does a lease agreement demonstrate ownership?	See Section 4.4.4 of the Program Manual and Section 2.4.3.1 of the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) which describe the documentation required to demonstrate site control.
6.	What does the new Project requirement for NRES Program eligibility entail?	“New” or “New Project” shall mean that the Project for which the Bid is being submitted received Approval to Energize after the solicitation to which it is applying.
7.	If I have an LREC/ZREC Project currently not in-service can this Project be submitted to the NRES program?	If there is an existing Project using the same class of technology at the same Project Site which was selected under this Program, the SCEF Program, or the Low and Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit (“LREC/ZREC”) Program with an agreement that was in effect prior to the submission of a Bid under a particular procurement year for this Program, a Bid for a New Project of the same class of technology will only be allowed if the existing Project is in-service or if a one-year calendar period has expired following termination of the existing Tariff Agreement.
8.	Can Standalone Projects at sites without load participate in the NRES Program?	The NRES Program is not intended for Standalone Projects without load. See questions related to State, Agricultural, or Municipal (“SAM”) Project participation for an exception. The SCEF Program is intended for standalone Projects that do not serve load.
9.	If a Customer has an agreement with a Third-Party Supplier, will this affect their participation in the NRES Program? What would happen if they changed suppliers during their 20-year term?	Any changes with the retail energy contract would need to be addressed with the third-party supplier. Agreements with a third-party supplier do not affect participation in the NRES Program. Regardless of third party supply rate, excess production from a Netting Project is valued at the standard supply rate for the applicable Customer rate class at the time of production.
10.	What is the difference between a “New” or “New Project” and a “New Construction” Project?	“New” or “New Project” shall mean that the Project for which the Bid is being submitted received Approval to Energize after the solicitation to which it is applying. “New Construction Project” shall mean a project that will generate energy for new separately metered onsite consumption and/or a Project that shall be associated with a new electric account that has not received service as of the date of Bid submission.
11.	Is a Project required to submit an Interconnection Application prior to Bid submission?	While this is not required for non-School Solar Projects, it is highly encouraged, as any interconnection costs including infrastructure upgrades will be made at the Customer’s expense. If a Project with an NRES Tariff Agreement does not get built due to high interconnection costs, the Tariff Agreement will be terminated and Performance Assurance is

		sacrificed. A fully approved Interconnection Application is required for School Solar Projects to submit an NRES Bid.
12.	Can new capacity being added to an existing solar project participate in the NRES program?	For Eversource, new capacity being added to an existing solar project can participate in the NRES program as a Netting or a Buy-All project. The add-on project must be sized to load net of existing generation unless it is a Rooftop Buy-All project.
Project Sizing		
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13.	Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Program Manual, I am seeking to install a Project on a Project Site where I am combining a set of multiple existing meters located on that Project Site to determine the total eligible site load for the Project. Which meter do I use as the Customer meter, i.e. which entity will sign the Tariff Agreement as the Customer?	This is not applicable to New Construction submissions. The Customer of Record on the account for the meter associated with the Project will ultimately sign the Tariff Agreement as the Customer. If there is a "master meter" on the site (for example, the building owner has a master meter and pays for common area lighting), that may be a viable option. Otherwise, the Project must be associated with one of the tenants' existing revenue meters.
14.	For a Project constructed on a multi-tenant building owned by one party, do we need to provide usage history for the landlord and all of their tenants in order to substantiate the aggregate load at the site for purposes of Project sizing?	<p>Rooftop Buy-All Projects can utilize the entire roof space. All Bids must submit load information for the meter(s) associated with the Project. Rooftop Buy-All Projects are not required to be sized to load but must submit load information as a kWh figure in the Bid; a usage history template or Professional Engineer Certification of Anticipated Load is not required.</p> <p>For non-rooftop Buy-All Projects, we require 12 consecutive months of load history for all revenue meters used to support the system size using the appropriate Usage History Template on the Companies' websites. If the landlord's usage history shows aggregate load, that will be acceptable. Netting projects can only be sized to multiple meters if the project is for a SAM customer, or the meters are combined for billing purposes prior to bid submission.</p>

15.	What methodology will be used to determine the on-site load of a Project for the purpose of Project sizing?	<p>See section 4.2 of the NRES Program Manual.</p> <p>For non-rooftop Buy-All and non-SAM Projects, the system can be sized up to the highest 12-month consecutive load recorded over the 5 years prior to Bid submission (or number of years available if the account has been established for fewer than 5 years), plus a reasonable approximation of the annual load attributable to beneficial electrification. If the Project relates to an existing account, the EDCs require 12 consecutive months of load history for all revenue meters used to support system size using the appropriate Usage History Template from the Companies' websites. If the Project is New Construction, the Customer will be required to submit a CT Licensed Professional Engineer certification demonstrating what the anticipated load will be, plus the Professional Engineer Certification Form from the Companies' websites. SAM Projects will be sized using the above criteria, plus the load of up to 5 additional SAM beneficial accounts.</p> <p>Netting Projects can be sized to the combined load of multiple existing revenue meters on the Project site when those meters are already combined for billing purposes at the time of Bid submission. Buy-All Projects can be sized to the combined load of multiple existing revenue meters on the Project Site.</p> <p>The EDCs will apply a standard calculation using a capacity factor of no less than 15% for solar Projects to verify that expected annual production does not exceed historical load. The calculation will be as follows: Installed Capacity (kW AC) x 8760 hours x Capacity Factor. For example, 50 kW AC x 8760 x 15% = 65,700 kWh/year. The Companies reserve the right to verify actual installed system sizes as compared to actual load at their discretion.</p>
16.	What are examples of acceptable documents for providing historical load data?	<p>The EDCs will accept historical load data via the Usage History Templates available on the Companies' websites. Such data can be populated using the Green Button Tool for Eversource or historical Customer bills for UI. Rooftop Buy-All Projects are not required to provide a Usage History Template, however, must provide a kWh figure for onsite usage/load in the online Bid Form. Rooftop Buy-All Projects do not need to be sized to this onsite usage/load.</p>
17.	Historical load data is a requirement for Bid submission, however if my electric service has not been established for a full 12 months, what	<p>When 12 consecutive months of load data is not available, the Bidder shall provide as much historical load data as available, and the EDCs will use that data to estimate the remainder of the 12-month period which was not available at the time of Bid submission.</p>

	documentation do I provide to meet this requirement?	
18.	Are NRES Project Size Categories in kW AC or DC?	NRES Project size categories and all references to Project sizes in the NRES program are in kW AC. Only AC size ratings are acceptable for Project sizing in the NRES Program. Any forms related to project sizing must list the project size (nameplate capacity) in kW AC.
19.	Are Parcels contiguous if they are separated by a crossing roadway?	The EDCs will examine each scenario on a case-by-case basis.

School Solar Category

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20.	When does the Bid window for School Solar Projects open and close?	The Bid Window will open at the same date and time as the February RFP and will remain open until all capacity is allocated or until the close of the August RFP, whichever occurs first.
21.	What is the pricing for School Solar Projects?	The pricing will be administratively set (fixed) on an annual basis and approved by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or "Authority") at the Medium Zero Emission Category price cap. See pricing on pages 2-7 of the RFP.
22.	Are there any special requirements for School Solar Project Bid submission?	School Solar Projects must submit a complete Pre-Application Checklist with their Bid. The Pre-Application Checklist outlines the Project milestones that must be completed before submitting an application for an NRES School Solar Project Bid. The Pre-Application Checklist can be found on the EDCs' respective NRES Program websites. An Interconnection Agreement must be fully executed before bid submission.
23.	Do School Solar Projects qualify for Bid preferences?	Bid Preferences as described Section 5 of the Program Manual will not apply to School Solar Projects as the pricing is administratively set. Benefits for School Solar Projects that meet the criteria for a Bid preference will receive an adder in the amounts listed in the table in Section 5.8 of the Program Manual.
	Are school solar hybrid carport canopy + rooftop projects eligible for the carport/canopy price adder?	No, only 100% school solar carport/canopy projects are eligible for the price adder.

RFP Process

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24.	Is the \$350 non-refundable Bid fee and Performance Assurance of \$25/kW (AC) applicable to all size categories?	Yes, the Bid fee and Performance Assurance are due at the time of Bid submission. Failure to pay the Bid fee and Performance Assurance by the due date and time, will result in automatic disqualification of the Bid, without opportunity to cure. For the

		NRES Year 5 RFP, the Authority approved an increase in the Bid fee to \$450 per application.
25.	If a Project is not selected, how long until the EDC returns Performance Assurance?	The EDCs will initiate Performance Assurance Returns once PURA approves of the Procurement Plan filed with the relevant Tariff Agreement(s). Specifically for UI, Vendor Number(s) must be created in Avangrid's Supplier Management system before UI can return Performance Assurance with the receipt of all five Vendor Setup Documents. After Bidders have been notified of Selection status, any Bidder whose Bid was not selected may request a refund of their Performance Assurance by emailing the NRES team for the appropriate EDC and requesting such return. Bids requesting Performance Assurance refunds before the Authority's final approval of the solicitation results will be considered withdrawn for the purposes of future Bid selection (i.e., if the Authority rejects any EDC Bid selections or if any selected Bids drop out of the queue).
26.	Where are the current NRES Program year's RFP-related documents available?	These forms are available online and are posted on EDC sites under the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Websites linked below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eversource • UI
27.	When is a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer (PE) Certification required?	A PE Certification is required for the following scenarios: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the Project is New Construction because electric service is not established. - If beneficial electrification measures will be installed at the Project Site. - If the Project is seeking to use alternative capacity factors for production calculation in the case of "Other" project technology types or projects with expected lower than standard production due to shading, project orientation, or another demonstratable reason, to be approved at the EDCs discretion - If existing generation is being removed from the proposed Project Site.
28.	Which parties are required to sign the Bid Certification Form, and subsequently the Tariff Agreement?	Refer to page 1 of the Bid Certification Form for instructions on execution.
29.	Will proof of SAM qualification be required to submit a Bid?	The EDCs reserve the right to request proof of SAM qualification in a form acceptable to the EDCs at their sole discretion. See section 4.4.8 of the Program Manual for requirements for Agricultural Customers.

30.	Where can Bidders submit Bids for the NRES Program?	For Eversource, Bidders must submit all Bids in the online Bid Portal on the NRES Program Page linked here . For UI, Bidders must submit all Bids in the online Bid Portal on the NRES Program Page linked here .
31.	When will complete Bid data (including Bid Prices) from prior solicitations be released?	Not later than 60 days after the Authority's approval of the selected Bids, each EDC shall provide the Program Summary Data as outlined in Section III.L.3 of the Decision. Such data shall be filed in the docket through which the Authority approved the selected Bids. Once approved, this information will be posted to the EDCs' websites. Eversource's RFP results can be found on eversource.com/nres under Previous Bid Results>Program Summary Data. UI's RFP results can be found on RFP for NRES - UI under NRES Program Summary.
32.	Will MWs for projects that fail to meet the 3-year in-service requirement be rolled into the capacity for the next RFP?	Yes. Per the 6/30/21 NRES Program Year 1 Decision in Docket No. 20-07-01: "...all megawatts awarded to a Bidder in a solicitation shall be deemed "allocated." Any allocated Program capacity foregone by a selected Bidder choosing not to move forward after having executed a contract with the EDC shall be reallocated to the Program capacity of the next upcoming solicitation following the Bidder notifying the EDC of its intention not to move forward with their project, using the applicable guidelines for that solicitation."
33.	Are Projects in the Small Zero Carbon Category selected on a first come, first served basis or through the Two-Week Window?	The Small Zero Emission project selection process is as follows: (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 window are selected, and subsequent to the window, eligible projects are selected on a rolling, first-come first-served basis.
34.	Can a Bid Certification Form from the February RFP be re-used for the August RFP, assuming all information has stayed the same?	Yes, Bid Certification Forms can be re-used from February to August. Forms cannot be re-used from August to February, as these RFPs fall in different Program years. The Bid Certification Form from the current RFP year must be used.
35	If the lowest priced Bid has a size that exceeds the available capacity for that category, will a partial award be offered?	No, partial awards will not be offered. In your example, no projects would be selected in that category and the unused capacity would be added to the capacity for that category in the next RFP.
SAM and Beneficial Accounts		
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36.	What is the status of the Virtual Net Metering (VNM) Program?	If you are an existing Customer enrolled in the VNM program, you will continue to participate in that program. No new VNM

		<p>applications will be accepted. Per PURA's final decision in docket no. 20-07-01 the NRES Program is considered the successor to the VNM Program.</p> <p>SAM (State, Agricultural, or Municipal) Accounts will be allowed through the NRES Program to have 'offtakers' (referred to in the NRES Program as Beneficial Accounts) that function similarly to the 'offtakers' of the VNM Program.</p>
37.	Is a "Beneficial Account" a single SAM account or can it be multiple accounts of a single SAM Customer? For instance, the city of New Britain is a Municipal Customer. Would all city of New Britain electric accounts qualify as one "Beneficial Account"?	In your example, the City of New Britain would be considered one Beneficial Account as related to the limit of 5 Beneficial Accounts for SAM Project sizing. In your example, all City of New Britain accounts would fall under one Beneficial Account. The Project is limited to 1,000 individual accounts (meters) under the Municipal Beneficial Account. See definition of Beneficial Account in the NRES Program Manual.
38.	Can the Beneficial Accounts in a SAM arrangement be different entities - i.e. can 2 or 3 municipalities participate in a single SAM arrangement?	Yes, Beneficial Accounts in a SAM arrangement can be different entities so long as they meet the SAM criteria. Importantly, each SAM Project/Customer Host may have a maximum of 5 Beneficial Accounts (see Program Manual for the definition of Beneficial Account), and no more than 1,000 billing accounts may receive credit allocations from any one Customer Host.
39.	Are SAM Accounts subject to separate VNM-type budgets or is an award in the NRES Program essentially an allocation of VNM budget?	SAM Projects do not have a separate budget or MW capacity. They participate in the NRES solicitation alongside non-SAM Projects. Any Customer who meets the SAM criteria can allocate to Beneficial Accounts.
40.	<p>Can a Project reallocate the Beneficial Accounts?</p> <p>Is the Beneficial Account reallocation fee required with the initial Bid/allocation as well?</p>	<p>Per the Program Manual, each Customer host can reapportion on an annual basis. Each Beneficial Account reallocation is subject to a fee of \$250.</p> <p>The Beneficial Account reallocation Fee is not charged with the initial Bid application. It is only charged with subsequent changes.</p>
41.	Can SAM Projects participate in the Buy-All tariff or the Netting tariff? In the Buy-All tariff, are they required to allocate a portion of their revenue to Beneficial Accounts via monetary on-bill credits?	SAM Projects are eligible for either tariff structure and are subject to all other allocation criteria pursuant to the individual tariff in which they are enrolled. SAM Projects are not required to allocate to beneficial accounts.
42.	Do the property owner and beneficiary Customer both have	Starting in Program Year 3 (2024), the SAM Customer host no longer needs to own the Project Site, but demonstration of site

	to be SAM Customers, or can the landowner be a private landowner and the off-taker a SAM Customer?	control is required at Bid submission. All Beneficial Accounts must be SAM accounts and the Tariff Agreement Customer must be a SAM Customer.
43.	For SAM projects, do all Beneficial Accounts have to be State, Municipal, or Agricultural accounts?	Yes, SAM Projects can only allocate on-bill credits to other SAM accounts.
44.	If two Projects on a single SAM Customer Host site are Bid into the NRES Program, can you confirm if a total of five or ten Beneficial Accounts can be allocated to the two Projects?	Five Beneficial Accounts are allowed per Project, not per system.
45.	If a project is sited on a site owned by SAM X Customer Host, can you please confirm if the Beneficial Accounts must be allocated to SAM X or could they be allocated to an unrelated SAM Customer, SAM Y?	SAM Beneficial Accounts must be located in the same EDC Service Territory as the SAM Customer Host Account.
46.	Is a Beneficial Account considered a single utility billing account or a single meter?	Please see the definition of Beneficial Account in the Program Manual. A Beneficial Account may be a single entity where applicable.
47.	What are the site ownership/site control requirements for SAM Customer Host accounts?	<p>Per section 4.1.1. of the Program Manual, eligible Customers must be a current or future Customer of Record of the EDC to which they are applying, and Qualified Projects must be located on the Customer of Record's premises, or, for eligible SAM Customers, premises where the Customer Host has rights to develop a Project.</p> <p>All Bidders are required to submit an affidavit (the Bid Certification Form) affirming that the Bidder has site control along with any available documentation as proof of site control. For SAM projects in which the SAM Customer host does not own the project site, the SAM Customer Host must demonstrate control of the project site via the Bid Certification Form and supporting documentation outlined on the Bid Certification Form.</p>

48.	If a developer leases property from a SAM property owner (i.e.: a town parcel), but the town load does not add up to the total array production, can another town, school, or agricultural customer's load be brought in to fulfill the load requirements?	Please see section 4.2 of the NRES Program Manual.
49.	Can a Beneficial Account receive credits from more than one project?	Yes. A billing account can receive credits from more than one Customer Host Account.
50.	Can a municipality that is receiving legacy Virtual Net Metering credits on some of their accounts use those accounts to size a new SAM project?	<p>NRES program rules do not currently restrict Beneficial Accounts from associating with multiple SAM projects or existing Virtual Net Metering projects. The EDCs also do not intend to adjust Beneficial Account usage for any credits associated with other NRES or VNM projects when evaluating system sizing requirements.</p> <p>The EDCs encourage SAM proposals to serve unique Beneficial Accounts not yet associated with other NRES or VNM projects and intend to evaluate program participation of SAM Customers statewide. The EDCs may recommend rule changes for future program years if necessary to mitigate concentration of benefits if a smaller number of Beneficial Accounts associate with multiple SAM projects.</p>
51.	Can SAM Beneficial Accounts be used for more than one NRES projects?	Yes, however, the percentage of the Beneficial Account's load being used for Project sizing must be identified in the Multiple Account Usage History Template. Not more than 100% of an account's load can be used for project sizing.
52.	Can unmetered accounts such as exterior lighting be used as Beneficial Accounts?	Yes. Unmetered accounts can be used for project sizing purposes (i.e.: usage history to support system size) and as beneficial accounts for SAM projects. Unmetered account cannot be used as project host accounts.

Load Calculations

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53.	Is submetering considered Beneficial Electrification, or aggregate load?	Submetering is not considered Beneficial Electrification. Beneficial Electrification is defined in the NRES Program Manual Appendix B.
54.	Why is there a requirement to size Projects in the NRES Program to the	CGS § 16-244z established size to load parameters for the NRES Program.

	historical/estimated load of the Project Site?	
55.	With a Multifamily Tenant Buy-All Project, if a tenant has its highest usage beginning at Year 4 and Tenant 2 has the highest usage beginning Year 3, can we aggregate the highest 12 months for each Tenant or do we have to use a single 12-month period for both tenants?	Historical load provided across aggregated meters in a multi-tenant building can be provided across different consecutive 12-month periods. In this scenario, Tenant 1 can use load data from January to December of 2021 and Tenant 2 can use load data from June 2020 to May 2021 depending on the preference of the Bidder. Importantly, such usage history must be provided during the Bid process using the appropriate Usage History Template available on the Companies' websites.
56.	Will the EDCs' websites provide the historical load data?	Eversource will provide up to 36 months of electricity usage through their Green Button Tool or the Customer of Record's Account. The Customer can request five years of data by contacting Eversource or UI Customer Service. UI will provide the last 13 months of usage through Energy Analyzer via the Customer of Record's Account.

Tariff Options

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57.	What is the difference between the Buy-All Structure and the Netting Structure?	<p>The Tariff Agreement Customer decides how to allocate the payments:</p> <p>In the Buy-All structure, energy and RECs produced by the project will be compensated quarterly based on the All-In REC + Energy Price provided by the Bidder or the established Price for Small Zero Emission Projects. The customer selects the percentage of the compensation to be assigned to themselves or to a third party. Any remaining compensation will be applied to the customer's monthly bill as a monetary credit.</p> <p>In the Netting structure, the value of the energy will be applied to the customer's bill as a monetary credit each month using the Retail Rate at the Customer of Record's meter. The value of the total production for a given quarter will be provided in the form of quarterly direct payments using the REC Rate or Tariff Rate established for the Project.</p>
58.	Can a property owner who has several tenants in their facility count the respective	See section 4.2.2 of the NRS Program Manual. Eligible combinations of meters to determine site load for Projects that are not for SAM customers and are participating in the Buy-All Tariff include a set of meters on the same parcel or contiguous Parcels that have the

	loads of the tenants in their buy-all option?	same building or landowner, and customers that are not currently sub-metered.
59.	If a Project receives contingent approval to interconnect in 2021 but the installation of the project goes into 2022, will the project be grandfathered into net metering or does the project have to be In-Service by the end of 2021?	<p>The submitted interconnection application date is the key indicator rather than the date your installation is completed and/or when you receive permission to operate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you applied for interconnection before January 1, 2022 you will participate in net metering. • If you applied for interconnection after January 1, 2022 you will participate in the new Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) Program. • If you have an existing LREC/ZREC agreement you will be grandfathered into net metering as well.
60.	Can a Project Site owner with multiple tenants who pay their own bills and who does not have their own meter receive cash payments for a Buy-All Project as the Project Owner?	<p>In this scenario, the Project Site owner can be designated as the Tariff Payment Beneficiary and receive cash payments for a Buy-All project. Historical load data must be provided to validate size-to-load provisions, however, therefore the Project Site owner is still required to obtain the tenants' billing information to be submitted along with the Bid using the appropriate Usage History Template available on the Companies' websites.</p> <p>Alternatively, if the project will be a Rooftop Buy-All, the project could be submitted as New Construction and the project would be exempt from size to load requirements and the Site Owner can designate themselves as the Customer. Production credits cannot be applied to any existing accounts in this scenario.</p>
61.	For the Small Zero Emission category, between the buy-all and netting tariffs, will the REC rate be different or the same, and how will it be determined?	The Small project Buy-All Tariff Rate and Small project Netting REC rates are provided in the NRES RFP. The REC rate for any Netting project can also be determined using the Bid Calculator. See the EDCs' NRES Program webpages for the latest Bid Calculator.
62.	Are projects required to participate in NRES?	No. A renewable energy project can install under Eversource "Rate 980" or UI "Rate SG2", the Wholesale rate, which would be selected in the Interconnection Application. Projects will serve onsite load and excess energy produced during the netting period will be valued at the Wholesale rate, which is less than the Retail rate secured through an NRES Tariff Agreement. Eversource and UI will not purchase RECs from these projects.

Compensation		
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63.	Can a building owner lease their roof and allow a third party to receive 100% of the payment?	Yes, that is possible.
64.	Are delivery fees included in the "retail rate"?	Yes.
65.	How will the total incentive payment be provided to the Customer of Record and/or the Tariff Payment Beneficiary?	<p>The Tariff Agreement Customer determines how the Total Incentive Payment will be divided between two compensation options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A monthly monetary on-bill credit that will be applied to the customer of record's EDC billing account for the project site to offset their electric bill, and/or; b) A quarterly direct payment provided to a Tariff Payment Beneficiary. <p>In the Buy-all structure, the payments can be divided between these two options and the percentages are selected at the time of Bid submission. Payments are made at the as-Bid price, and the Customer chooses the percentage of that payment to be an on-bill credit vs. a quarterly direct payment.</p> <p>In the Netting structure, bill credits are calculated using the applicable retail rate at the time of energy production and the quarterly direct payments to the tariff payment beneficiary are paid at the as-Bid "REC" price.</p>
66.	Will the EDC continue to purchase under the Buy-All structure if the onsite load is reduced or eliminated?	Yes. Energy and REC payments will be made based on actual production.
67.	Assuming the system doesn't overproduce relative to onsite aggregated meter consumption, can a FTM project send power directly into the grid under the Buy-All tariff, installing a new meter for that purpose, but not send any net metering credit to SAM accounts, similar to the MA SMART "standalone" option (simply receiving the Buy-All tariff)? If yes, can a 3rd party owner of a system (not the property owner) receive the Buy-All	Yes.

	payments (on a leased roof or property)?	
68.	Can payments be set to provide 100% to the installing vendor (if designated as the Tariff Payment Beneficiary) with zero on-bill credit to the Customer of record in both the Buy-All and Netting tariffs?	Yes, REC Payments can be assigned completely to the installing vendor who would be designated as a Tariff Payment Beneficiary. On-Bill credits would still go to the Customer of Record for the Netting Tariff. For the Buy-All Tariff, 100% of compensation can be designated to a Tariff Payment Beneficiary.
69.	What happens to compensation for energy and attributes after the tariff contract ends in 20 years?	Customers enrolled in the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions program whose term has expired may be eligible to be compensated for energy exported to the distribution system through the Company's purchased power tariff, if available. The Company is not under any obligation to purchase RECs from the Project after the tariff term has ended.
70.	Can a project change its Tariff Payment Beneficiary?	Yes, there is a Tariff Payment Beneficiary revision form available on the EDCs' websites. There is a \$22 fee for each revision and Customers can make a revision once annually.

Bid Preferences

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71.	How do Bid Preferences function in terms of modifying the evaluated Bid Price?	Bid Preferences apply to the evaluated Bid price (\$/MWh + \$/REC) and lower this price by the percentage indicated. See Appendix A of the NRES Program Manual for examples of the Bid Comparison Process.
72.	Can Bid Preferences be applied to all size categories of the NRES Program?	Bid preferences apply only to Medium and Large Projects. Bid Preferences do not apply to Small Zero Emission Projects or School Solar Projects.
73.	Will Projects claiming the Distressed Municipality Bid Preference need to be physically located/interconnected within a distressed municipality and contracted with the distressed municipality in order to claim the Bid Preference?	See section 5.3.10 of the Program Manual.
74.	If a Distressed Municipality (DM) has an end date for Distressed designation that falls within the active RFP schedule, will the project be eligible for the DM bid preference?	If the Distressed Municipality's designation is active on the date the RFP opens, the project will be eligible for the DM bid preference.

Post Agreement Execution

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75.	If a project is selected and a Tariff Agreement is fully executed, how long does it then have to get 'In-Service'?	Projects have 3 years from the date of PURA approval of the award to go in-service and obtain an Approval to Energize letter from the appropriate Company. See section 9.1 of the Program Manual for information on extension requests.
76.	What are the terms that Projects are held to in maintaining their Carbon Neutrality status?	The specifics of the Carbon Neutrality Certification are noted in the Carbon Neutrality Certification Form which can be found on the EDCs' websites.
77.	How will the Companies install the requisite infrastructure to support projects taking service under the Buy-All tariff?	Any costs required for infrastructure installation to accommodate either the Buy-All or Netting tariffs will be the responsibility of the Customer and will be assigned during the interconnection process. Such infrastructure will be installed in accordance with standard Company interconnection practices.
78.	What happens if my rate changes after my project goes In-Service?	Buy-All Projects will receive the Energy + REC Rate that is on the Tariff Agreement, regardless of retail rate changes. Netting Projects will continue to receive the REC Rate that is on the Tariff Agreement, regardless of retail rate changes, for off-bill quarterly payments. If the Retail Rate changes, then the rate applied to the bill credit at the time of generation will change for the monthly on-bill portion of the Netting Compensation.
79.	Is there a general range of Interconnection and Metering fees based on project size that can be used as an estimate in budgeting?	Because this varies based on project size, please reach out to the relevant EDC's interconnection and metering groups to confirm.

Energy Storage Solutions Program

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80.	What is the CT Energy Storage Solutions (ESS) Program?	Energy Storage Solutions is a new statewide energy storage program designed to help Customers install energy storage at their home or business.
81.	Where can I find information about the CT Energy Storage Solutions Program?	<p>Please see the UI Webpage for the Energy Storage Solutions Program linked here.</p> <p>Please see the Eversource Webpage for the Energy Storage Solutions Program linked here.</p>
82.	How can I get in contact with the CT Energy Storage Solutions Program?	<p>UI Energy's Storage Solutions Email: EnergyStorageSolutions@uinet.com</p> <p>Eversource's Energy Storage Solutions team can be reached at 860-563-0015, option 1 for Home Solutions.</p>
83.	Can a Project receive compensation from the NRES Program and the ESS Program? To what extent does the	A Customer with PV and battery storage can receive compensation from the NRES Program and the Energy Storage Solutions (ESS) Program at the same time.

	<p>program integrate with either PV+ESS, standalone ESS and/or does the program account for New Construction of an AC battery storage add-on to an existing Buy-All or Netting Tariff Agreement?</p>	<p>A Customer who has an existing approved PV system and adding battery storage only will stay on their current approved (pre-2022) tariff. These Customers will need to submit the appropriate ESS Program applications and an interconnection application with the relevant EDC. After an administrative and design review by the interconnection group, successful interconnection applications will be given Approval to Energize and a Bidirectional meter will be installed. These existing PV + new Battery Customers do have the ability to participate in both the ESS Program and the old Net Metering Program/tariff with a bi-directional meter.</p> <p>A Customer who is installing a new PV system and battery storage will need to submit the appropriate ESS Program applications and an Interconnection application, where they will choose to go on one of the NRES tariffs, "Netting" or "Buy-All". After submitting the interconnection application including tariff information, an administrative, tariff review, and design review will occur. Successful interconnection applications will be given Approval to Energize and the appropriate meter will be installed. These new PV + Battery customers have the ability to participate in both the ESS and the NRES Program on either the "Netting" or "Buy-All" tariff with appropriate metering.</p> <p>A Customer who is installing Battery Only will also need to file for an interconnection application and will stay on their current electric rate. After an administrative and design review, successful applications will be given Approval to Energize and a Bidirectional meter will be installed. Battery only Customers can only participate in the ESS Program and not the NRES Program. Battery only Customers will also stay on their current electric rate since they do not qualify for the NRES Program.</p>
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