Distributed Generation Board Meeting  
Monday, February 22, 2021  
4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Microsoft Teams – Virtual Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Board Attendees: Jeremy Licht, Ian Springsteel, Sam Bradner, Laura Bartsch, Sheila Dormody, and Nicholas Ucci

Other Attendees: Thomas Kender, Doug Sabetti, Karen Stewart, Andrew Araneo, Laura Bickel, Marco Clerx, Jim Kennerly, Felicia Marcello, Shauna Beland, Carrie Gill, Chris Kearns, Jackie Olivieri, Shawn Shaw, Madeline Haines, Daniel Pertwee, John W., Justin Somelofske, Jorge B. Sousa, Kyle Wallace and Corey Palumbo

Karen Stewart resigned from the Board.

The Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

1. Approval of January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Licht requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Mr. Bradner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, and Ms. Dormody seconded it. All approved.

2. Update on Docket #5088, the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program (Office of Energy Resources Presentation)

Mr. Kennerly provided an update on the Public Utilities Commission decisions in Docket #5088 regarding the 2021 ceiling prices and program development. The revised Ceiling Prices and one-year continuation of the Carport Solar adder pilot program at an adder value of .05 cents per kWh were approved. The expansion of Carport Solar adder pilot eligibility to Medium Solar projects was rejected, with the funds being reallocated back to Commercial and Large Solar projects. The Low Income CRDG adder pilot was also rejected, but it was suggested there would be a possibility to non-adder alternative approaches to increasing LMI customer participation in the REG program, and indicated that proposals will be circulated during the 2022 Program Year budget development process.

3. Discussion and Vote on the 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program Reconciliation Budget (Sustainable Energy Advantage Presentation)

Mr. Kennerly provided a first and second draft 2022 budget compared to the equivalent 2021 budget. A summary of changes from 2022 Renewable Energy Growth Program first draft budget to core scope and activities optional/conditional on external approvals was presented. Mr. Kennerly also provided an overview of the revised task-by-task summaries, budgets and
timelines. Additional tasks would be added in the event of the possibility of multiple policy changes. It was stated that the Office of Energy Resources would administer these changes on an as-needed basis and the Board would be notified if funds are allocated.

Chairperson Licht requested a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Bartsch made motion to approve the budget, and Ms. Dormody seconded it. All voted in favor.

4. Update on Methodology Review for Roof Mounted Solar (National Grid Presentation)

Mr. Springsteel provided a review of capacity factor and system sizing for roof mounted solar. Renewable Energy Growth and Net Metering system sizing methodologies were also discussed. Mr. Springsteel provided and overview of system sizing and Photovoltaic watts, stating that this would not allow someone to oversize their system.

A current study outline was presented where National Grid will review the actual output of systems and compare with standard method projected output (14%) and projected output using reported angle and azimuth. The outcome will suggest if there are limits on shading input or other issues present. A recommendation for any changes or new process will be presented at the May DG Board Meeting.

5. Public Comment

Mr. Sabetti restated concerns with National Grid’s sizing methodology. Mr. Sabetti stated the issue with the capacity factor and various facing roofs.

There were no additional public comments.

6. Adjourn

Chairperson Licht requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dormody made a motion, and Mr. Bradner seconded it. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.