



## Key Changes for the Year 6 RFP:

1. **Additional Applications In Subsequent Funding Periods:** Pursuant to [PURA's ruling dated 12/15/16 on Motion No. 84](#) in Docket 11-12-06, additional applications/bids will no longer be allowed in subsequent annual funding periods for a particular revenue meter where there is a ZREC project that is not in service as of the date of application/bid for an additional project located at that same revenue meter, or in the case of new construction projects, the site address shall serve in place of the revenue meter designation.
  - a. **What This Means for Applicants/Bidders:** If there is an existing ZREC Standard Contract or Service Agreement ("ZREC Contract") that was in effect as of 12/12/2016 for a project that is not in-service, additional applications/bids for ZREC projects behind the billing account number (or in the case of new construction the site address) listed on such agreement will not be allowed in future rounds of the ZREC program. If you have a ZREC Contract that was in effect as of 12/12/2016, you will only be eligible to submit an additional ZREC application/bid once that project goes in-service. However, should the initial ZREC Contract be terminated without the project going in-service, you will not be eligible to submit additional applications/bids in future rounds of the ZREC program. See the Authority's ruling on Motion No. 84 in Docket 11-12-06. This applies to both the ZREC RFP and Small ZREC processes.
    - i. For purposes of clarification, if there is an existing ZREC Contract for a project at the same billing account number (or site address for new construction projects) as a project you plan to submit a new ZREC bid/application for, the existing project as described in the ZREC Contract must first be in-service before submitting an additional ZREC bid/application at that billing account number/site. If the existing contract was active (i.e. not terminated) as of 12/12/2016, and the ZREC Contract terminates, additional ZREC bids/applications will not be allowed at that site in the future. Similarly, agreement ZREC Contract may not be terminated voluntarily or otherwise in order to submit a new ZREC bid/application to receive a different delivery term start date or a different REC price.
    - ii. If there is an existing ZREC Contract at the billing account number (or site address for new construction projects) that you plan to submit a new ZREC bid/application for, and the existing project as described in the ZREC Contract is in-service, you may submit an additional ZREC bid/application so long as the project meets the rest of the eligibility requirements, including but not limited to, not exceeding the 1 MW statutory limit for ZREC installations.
  - b. This applies to all Agreements that were active (i.e. not terminated) prior to December 12, 2016.
2. **Green Bank-Qualified Residential Dwellings:** Projects that meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria as a residential dwelling will no longer be eligible for the LREC/ZREC program.
  - a. Pursuant to [Connecticut General Assembly \(CGA\) Public Act No. 16-212](#), An Act Concerning Administration of the Connecticut Green Bank, the Priority of the Benefit Assessments Lien Under the Green Bank's Commercial Sustainable Energy Program and

the Green Bank's Solar Home Renewable Energy Program, a change has been made which materially affects the LREC/ZREC Program.

- b. Specifically, PA 16-212 amended Section 2(f) of Public Act 15-194 as follows: Any solar project located on a property that contains or will contain any residence of a customer of an electric distribution company that is determined to meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria as a residential dwelling for the residential solar investment program shall not be eligible for small zero-emission renewable energy credits pursuant to sections 16-244r and 16-244s or for low-emission renewable energy credits pursuant to section 16-244t.
- c. CT Green Bank's Residential Dwelling Criteria:
  - i. One to four family owner-occupied primary residence homes in United Illuminating (UI) or Eversource service territories. A primary residence is defined as the residence in which the owner resides for 183 days in a given calendar year.
  - ii. Mobile homes are not eligible for a Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP) incentive.
  - iii. Investment (single and multi-family) residences are not eligible for a RSIP incentive.
  - iv. Manufactured homes are only eligible for a RSIP incentive if the homeowner also owns the land on which the home is affixed to a foundation.
- d. **What This Means for Applicants/Bidders:** If your project is determined to meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria as a residential dwelling, it no longer qualifies for the ZREC program.
  - i. Any applicant/bidder that does not meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria for a residential dwelling will be required to submit a copy of the "Incentive Application Denied" letter issued by the Connecticut Green bank specifically stating that their project does not meet the CT Green Bank criteria for a residential dwelling as an attachment to their Application/Bid.
  - ii. Therefore, if your project is or will be at a residential site (Eversource electric rates 1, 5, or 7), you must first apply to the Connecticut Green Bank, and if denied for not meeting the CT Green Bank criteria for a residential dwelling, you must provide a PDF copy of your "Incentive Application Denied" letter as a required attachment during step 6/6 in the application/bid process.
  - iii. If you are denied from participation in the CT Green Bank's residential solar investment program for any reason other than not meeting their criteria for a residential dwelling, you may not participate in the ZREC program.
  - iv. More information on the Connecticut Green Bank's Residential Solar Investment Program can be obtained on [EnergizeCT.com](http://EnergizeCT.com).
- 3. **LREC Participation in Year 6 RFP:** Pursuant to [Public Act 16-196](#), for the Year 6 solicitation, the Companies will allocate 50% of the overall Year 6 RFP budget to LREC projects
  - a. To clarify, the Year 6 budget consists only of ZREC statutory budgets (\$6.4M for Eversource, \$1.6M for UI) plus any applicable funds from terminated ZREC projects or ZREC projects that resulted in MAQ adjustments. Thus, the budget will be divided as follows:
    - i. 50% to LREC projects
    - ii. 50% to ZREC projects, divided evenly among Small, Medium, and Large ZRECs

4. **Two Solicitations in Year 6:** Pursuant to PURA's ruling on [Motion No. 86](#) in Docket 11-12-06, there will be two solicitations in Year 6. The first will be in April, the second will be in the Fall of 2017.
- a. Excerpt from the ruling: "For the Year 6 solicitations, the Companies will issue two solicitations for LRECs and Large/Medium ZRECs. The first solicitation will be issued for 60% of the available budgets for each category, and the solicitation will occur by the end of April, 2017. The second solicitation will occur after the completion of two rounds of contract selection in the April RFP, and be issued in the fall of 2017. The Companies will seek to issue the solicitation by the end of October, 2017. The second solicitation shall be issued for the remaining 40% of the original available budgets for each category, plus any remaining funds in each category from the April solicitation. In order to open the Year 6 Small ZREC tariff in a timely manner, the Companies will determine the Year 6 Small ZREC price based on the weighted average bid price of the selected Medium ZREC projects from the first 4 rounds of selection (i.e. the selected bids from the April RFP, and rounds one and two of selected bids from the fall RFP)."