

## New London VNM RFP Formal Addendum 1 – Responses to Questions

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The RFP Administrators offer the following responses to questions received regarding the New London VNM RFP:

### **A) Questions about VNM project size and multiple VNM Projects on one physical site**

Questioners noted a typographical error in the description of project size eligible for the Virtual Net Metering (VNM) program. Individual projects should range between 1 MW AC and **3 MW AC**, and the New London VNM RFP document has been updated accordingly.

Questioners also asked about the potential to have multiple individual projects on one property or parcel. It is the RFP Administrator's understanding that a single property or parcel could host multiple individual projects, so long as each project at that location had its own Eversource revenue meter.

For example, a Proposer may have a 20-acre property that has the potential to host 4 MW AC of solar. The Proposer could propose to develop two individual VNM projects, each producing 2 MW AC, and each with its own revenue meter. Each of these two 2 MW AC Projects could be bid into the New London VNM RFP by the Proposer.

### **B) Questions about the status of the VNM program and uncertainty surrounding legislative action, RFP Schedule and RFP Fee Agreement.**

As stated in the New London VNM RFP Introduction (p. 4), the VNM program is currently oversubscribed (due to its popularity with Connecticut cities and towns). However, after its initial adoption in 2011, the Connecticut General Assembly expanded and/or extended the VNM program in 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2019, and thus it is reasonable to expect that it will be expanded and/or extended again.

The New London VNM RFP is designed to have the selected Proposer or Proposers work with New London in submitting Eversource VNM applications for the selected Project or Projects, so that those projects are in the VNM queue for any and all expansions and/or extensions of the VNM program which the Connecticut General Assembly may enact. By successfully participating in the New London VNM RFP, Proposers will have the right to develop their VNM Project(s) with New London without delay, when and if the Connecticut General Assembly expands and/or extends the VNM program.

The RFP Administrators recognize that there is uncertainty about how, when, and/or if the Connecticut General Assembly will expand and/or extend the VNM program, particularly in light of the unusual circumstances surrounding the Connecticut General Assembly's 2020 Session, and any potential 2020 Special Sessions. The New London VNM RFP Schedule, and the RFP Fee Agreement (including its payment schedule), takes into account these uncertainties. In particular, the proposed timeline for selection of Proposer(s) and Project(s) and the negotiation of the Power Purchase Agreement is such

that all parties will be able to take into account further information regarding the status of the VNM program that is likely to become known in July and August 2020. Should it appear that movement on the VNM program by the Connecticut General Assembly in a late-summer Special Session (e.g., a session in September 2020) is likely, we expect that the City will extend the timeline for Power Purchase Agreement execution to take account of the possibility of such movement. If action by the Connecticut General Assembly on VNM in 2020 appears unlikely, the RFP will continue in accordance with its existing timeline.