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| # | Question | Asker Name | Answer | Question Time | Answered Time | Answer Name |
| 1 | What is the current percentage of RI- sited solar on RI's grid? | Doug Sabetti | Hi Doug, If I'm understanding the answer to your question correctly, here is the link to RI's Clean Energy Portfolio, which lists 596MW of solar interconnected in RI: https://energy.ri.gov/renewable-energy/ris-clean-energy-portfolio | 2/9/23 15:35 | 2/9/23 16:02 | Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources |
| 1 | What is the current percentage of RI- sited solar on RI's grid? | Doug Sabetti | What is the total MW of RI's grid? The percentage allows us to determine the value of solar to the grid. At higher penetrations lower value is appropriate. At low penetrations solar has a higher value. H5033 already attempts to decrease the value of solar DG with no clear intent. | 2/9/23 15:35 | 2/9/23 16:08 | Doug Sabetti |
| 1 | What is the current percentage of RI- sited solar on RI's grid? | Doug Sabetti | I will take this question back to RI Energy and get you an answer as soon as possible. | 2/9/23 15:35 | 2/9/23 16:19 | Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources |
| 2 | With respect to your timeline, bills should be submitted to the statehouse by February break for them to get through the legislation this session. The timeline proposed is too slow for the initial bill which will go through the hearing, it could only have an effect on a sub A bill | Eric Beecher (Sol Power# He) | | 2/9/23 15:42 | | |
| 3 | Can you show the stakeholder involvement flow chart again? | Callie Rabinovitz | | 2/9/23 15:51 | | |
| 4 | Will this review of DG policies include post-COD activities/issues/ improvement opportunities associated to net metering and virtual net metering? | Matthew Sullivan | If so, would all current and planned NM and VNM offtakers be considered stakeholders too? | 2/9/23 15:54 | 2/9/23 16:26 | Matthew Sullivan |
| 5 | I think Stephan mentioned you won't be reviewing the benefits of different programs on different types of customers. Did you mean customers of different income levels? Will there be any incorporation of prioritizing lower-income communities in this model? | Callie Rabinovitz | | 2/9/23 16:01 | | |
| 6 | Just want to reinforce Dana's comments, high interest in addressing fire setbacks and make sure we are modeling costs with the new interest rates/finance charges in mind. | Dexter Hofhines | | 2/9/23 16:04 | | |
| 7 | Comment: Agree with Hannah on the timeline concerns, even though I definitely support this exercise. | Sue AnderBois | | 2/9/23 16:07 | | |
| 8 | Hello. I am concerned that the value of Calculating Net Metering Credits (NMCs) may be reduced if the RI House passes H5033 sponsored by rep. Brandon Potter in 2023. You may recall the 2022 version of this bill (which did not pass) did away the three-year usage constraint and allowed the net metering system customer to be credited by the utility on a 'cost basis' for the excess of energy not consumed. The vagueness of 'cost basis' concerned me at the time. Anyway, the current 2023 bill does away with 'cost basis', but now says credits are based on the wholesale electricity rate (average ISO-NE clearing price at the time of sale) which I fear is not good for the RI net-metering customer. Has the OER modeled this out yet and will you share an example of this with RI Solar Stateholders? | Glenn Rhodes | Agreed, if the context is in view for being all renewable, we can't calculate NMC's so poorly for electric heat homes, as more and more people will be converting. | 2/9/23 16:08 | 2/9/23 16:19 | Dexter Hofhines |
| 9 | Completely agree with Hana | Frank Epps | | 2/9/23 16:08 | | |
| 10 | I agree 100% with what the concern that Fred Unger raises about the REG program. Maybe Stephan can address this with math but don't think so. | Glenn Rhodes | | 2/9/23 16:31 | | |
| 11 | Is there a plan to engage environmental justice communities as stakeholders? | sheila Dormody | It would be great to have Greg Ohadama at OER engaged in developing some specific outreach on this - and consider compensation for expertise from EJ community members | 2/9/23 16:36 | 2/9/23 16:47 | sheila Dormody |
| 12 | will these meetings be advertised on the secretary of state's website? | Elizabeth Perry | | 2/9/23 16:46 | | |
| 13 | Will we be able to calculate costs passed on to Rate Payers in this process? This seems to be the counter argument to expanding renewable incentive benefits. | Dana Weinberg | | 2/9/23 16:46 | | |