

# GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER SOLAR ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM PILOT

#### AVAILABLE:

To eligible tenants of The Housing Foundation, Inc. ("HFI") property located at the Hilltop Townhouses in Berlin, VT and then to eligible tenants of other properties owned and rented by HFI. Availability is limited to no more than twenty-five participants, utilizing up to 90% of the Hilltop Townhouses solar electric generation arrays (the "facility") capacity. The Program shall remain available for the useful life of the facility unless the Company petitions the Commission and the Commission approves a change to that requirement.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Program participant's eligibility shall be determined by HFI at the start of tenancy and annually thereafter. Eligibility requires that the participant be a tenant of HFI and that the participant's household income level must be at or below 150% of the current federal poverty level.

#### PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Program is funded through a grant from GMP to the Clean Energy Development Fund as approved in GMP's 2017 Ratepayer Benefit Plan (Case No. 17-4894-INV) to construct one or more solar arrays and provide energy generated to low-income customers. Participants shall receive an electric bill credit at the credit rate below for up to 300 kWh per month. The credit rate provided to participants shall be determined by GMP annually as the avoided cost for solar generation and shall be updated as required.

## CREDIT RATE:

All energy up to 300 kWh per monthly billing period at \$0.09000 per kWh.

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### HFI RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. HFI shall manage all Program enrollment and participation activities and verify participant's ongoing eligibility at the start of the Program and on an annual basis thereafter.
- 2. HFI shall promptly notify GMP if it becomes aware of any basis for a Program participant no longer being eligible for the Program.
- 3. HFI shall support GMP education of eligible applicants about the comparative economic benefits of this Program versus the GMP Residential Electric Assistance Program Rider.

## PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Participants are required to demonstrate income eligibility and shall self-report income changes affecting the status of eligibility.
- 2. Participants may opt out of the Program at any time and shall be eligible for reenrollment in the Program, based on available capacity, after two years off the Program.
- 3. Participants are not eligible to participate in the GMP Residential Electric Assistance Program Rider while participating in this Program.
- 4. Participants are not eligible to participate in the GMP Self Generation and Net Metering program while participating in this Program.
- 5. Participants are required to take service on Rate 1.

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6. Participants are required to have an advanced (AMI) meter installed.

### **GMP RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1. GMP shall provide a credit on participant's electric bill that is based on the credit rate above and up to 300 kWh per month.
- 2. The credit shall be used to offset the current GMP volumetric (kWh) charge that is billed on the participant's underlying rate schedule.
- 3. GMP shall retire the renewable energy credits created by the solar array to contribute toward compliance with the Vermont Renewable Energy Standard.
- 4. Annually, GMP shall calculate its avoided cost for solar and shall update the credit rate to reflect the new avoided cost when the new avoided cost changes by 10% or more compared to the rate in effect.
- 5. GMP shall provide notice to participants of any updated credit rate.

### **TERM AND CONDITIONS:**

The Company's Terms and Conditions in effect from time to time and the specific provisions of the rate schedule under which the participant is currently served are a part of this Program where not inconsistent with any specific provision hereof.

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