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Summary

ConnectedSolutions Active Demand Response Program incentivizes customers of Rhode Island Energy ("RIE") to curtail their electric energy when the grid is forecasted to be at its peak. Customers and their curtailment service providers are compensated on a pay-for-performance basis for every average kW they curtail.

The **Connected**Solutions Program offers Commercial and Industrial ("C&I") customers two pathways to participate: Targeted Dispatch and Daily Dispatch[1].

A summary of each pathway is shown in the table below.

Rhode Island Energy Commercial & Industrial Electric Customers		
	Targeted Dispatch	**Daily Dispatch**
Number of Events per Season	2 – 8 per Summer	No more than 60 events
Incentive	$35/kW-Summer	$275/kW-Summer
Multiyear Rate[2]	None	5 Years
Length of Events	3 Hours	2 or 3 Hours
Time of Day	Between 3pm and 8pm	Between 3pm and 8pm
Weekend/Weekday	Any Day[3]	Any Day
Events on Holidays	No	Yes
Day-Ahead Notification	Yes	Yes
Season for Events	June 1st – September 30th	June 1st – September 30th

1 Participants may elect to enroll in both the Targeted Dispatch and Daily Dispatch pathways. This is referred to as "Dual Enrollment".

2 This is the incentive rate for the 2024-2026 program years. It is Rhode Island Energy's intention to uphold the Daily Dispatch Multiyear Incentive Rate for the first 5 consecutive seasons of participation. However, it is important to note that incentive levels are subject to regulatory review and approval.

3 A weekend Targeted Dispatch event will only be called if the regional coincident peak demand day is predicted to occur.

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The Targeted Dispatch pathway aims to reduce the load on the electrical grid at the one peak hour of the year and other high peak days throughout the summer.

The Daily Dispatch pathway aims to reduce the load on the electrical grid during the peak hour of the year and other high and medium peak days throughout the summer.

The incentive rates refer to the average curtailment amount across all events of the dispatch season. It is important to note the establishment of a $1M incentive cap per participant per program year. No one participant is eligible to receive more than $1M per year for their overall performance settlement.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the C&I track, customers must be in rate classes C-06, G-02, or G-32; customers in other rate classes are ineligible. Customers in the C-06 rate class may participate in either the Residential and Small Business ("RSB") or C&I track, but they may not participate in both tracks at the same time or switch to a different track midseason.

Front-of-the-meter assets, such as power plants or solar farms, are also not eligible. Storage systems must be considered behind-the-meter (BTM) assets to qualify. BTM refers to a facility that serves an on-site load other than parasitic load or station load used to operate the facility.

Customers in the Pascoag Utility District and the Block Island Power Company service territory are not eligible to participate.

Enrollment Through a CSP and Direct Participation

Typically, customers enroll through an approved Curtailment Service Provider ("CSP"). There are four approved CSPs: CPower, Enel-X, Leap, and Voltus. CSPs provide many services that make it easier for customers to maximize their curtailment performance and incentive payment. However, enrolling through an approved CSP is not a requirement of the program. Customers may use any CSP they choose, or not use a CSP at all. Note that dual enrolled customers may elect to enroll with different CSPs for Daily Dispatch and Targeted Dispatch. "Direct Participation" refers to a customer enrolling without a CSP. In this case, customers should reach out to their Program Administrator ("PA"), Rhode Island Energy, for guidance. More information on this process is available on **RIEnergy.com/CI-ConnectedSolutions**