



## RCEA FEED-IN TARIFF SCHEDULE

### I. Applicability

This Feed-In Tariff (“FIT”) Schedule is available to qualifying applicants who wish to sell renewable energy to Redwood Coast Energy Authority (“RCEA”) from an eligible distributed renewable generating resource (“Project”). RCEA reserves the right to revise this FIT Schedule, the related FIT Application and the terms of the standard RCEA FIT Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) from time to time. RCEA is not obligated to enter into a FIT PPA with any applicant, and RCEA has no binding obligation under or in connection with this FIT Schedule until a related FIT PPA is approved by the RCEA Board of Directors and duly executed by and between RCEA and an applicant for a Project. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the standard FIT PPA.

Schedule Effective Date: This Tariff Schedule applies to FIT applications received on or after October 1, 2024 (“Schedule Effective Date”). Applications received prior to the Schedule Effective Date are subject to the first phase of RCEA’s Feed-In Tariff, for which documents are available on RCEA’s website.

### II. Program Capacity

The total generating capacity available for contracting under RCEA’s FIT program as of the Schedule Effective Date is fifteen (15) megawatts (“MW”) alternating current (“AC”). The program will continue until there is no remaining available generating capacity, or until RCEA decides at its discretion to stop accepting new applications. If there is generating capacity remaining in the program, but not enough to accommodate the next Project application, then the Project will be presented to the RCEA Board of Directors for consideration at a publicly noticed meeting.

### III. Eligibility Criteria

A Project must meet the following criteria:

New Resource. The Project must be new, meaning it must not have produced or delivered electric energy prior to the date on which its FIT Application is received by RCEA.

Small-Scale. The nameplate generating capacity of any Project must be less than or equal to 5 MW AC.

Location. The Project must be located entirely within the Humboldt Local Capacity Area, as such area is defined on the date of FIT Application submittal.

RPS Compliant. The Project must be certified by the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource (“ERR”) as described in the most current edition of the CEC Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) Eligibility Guidebook. ERR fuel sources include, but are not limited to, the following:

Biomass    Biodiesel

Fuel cells using renewable fuels	Digester gas
Landfill gas	Municipal solid waste
Ocean wave	Ocean thermal
Tidal current	Solar Photovoltaic
Small hydroelectric	Solar thermal
Wind	Geothermal

Energy Storage. If the Project is 1-5 MW AC in size, it must be paired with a non-greenhouse gas emitting energy storage facility with an installed capacity that is at least 50% and no more than 150% of the generator AC installed capacity. The contracted storage capacity does not count toward the total programmatic capacity or the maximum capacity that any one applicant can contract for. If the Project is less than 1 MW AC in size then it does not need to include storage.

Resource Adequacy. If the Project is 1-5 MW AC in size, it must seek Full Capacity Deliverability Status (“FCDS”) in its interconnection process to deliver resource adequacy (“RA”) to RCEA in exchange for the Capacity Rate in the FIT PPA. If the Project is less than 1 MW AC in size, it must be Energy-Only and is exempt from the RA provisions in the FIT PPA.

Interconnection. The Project must interconnect using Pacific Gas & Electric Company’s (“PG&E”) Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff (“WDAT”) to be eligible. Electric interconnection of the Project, including execution of all applicable agreements and payment of all related costs, shall be the sole responsibility of the FIT applicant and shall be completed consistent with interconnection requirements specified by PG&E and the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”), as appropriate.

Bundled Product. The product sold by a Project and purchased by RCEA shall include all electric energy net of station service, environmental attributes (including Renewable Energy Certificates, or “RECs”, which shall be transferred to RCEA using the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System, or “WREGIS”), and capacity attributes (including System Resource Adequacy, or “RA”) if applicable. For the sake of clarity, environmental attributes shall include all emission reduction benefits associated with the generation of renewable electricity by the Project as well as other attributes. Projects will need to be registered with WREGIS and shall transfer all RECs to RCEA’s account on a monthly basis.

Permits. The FIT applicant must obtain all necessary permits from the applicable authority having jurisdiction (“AHJ”) and shall maintain such permits, as may be required, for the duration of the FIT PPA term.

Agricultural Land Use. Projects may not be developed on Prime Agricultural land and are discouraged from being developed on Farmland of Statewide Importance or Prime Farmland if Irrigated. These land use designations may be determined by consulting the County of Humboldt’s WebGIS portal <http://webgis.co.humboldt.ca.us/HCEGIS2.0/>, by selecting the “Prime Agricultural Soils” and most current NRCS Soils layers within the Natural Resources layer group.

#### **IV. Pricing**

Renewable Rate. Projects will be paid the FIT base price in effect at the time the FIT application is received by RCEA staff (“Renewable Rate”), unless the application is deficient, in which case the base price is the Renewable Rate that is in effect at the time the deficiencies are fully cured. The Renewable Rate excludes bonus incentives the FIT Project may be eligible for. The initial Renewable Rate will vary based on time of generation as set forth in the following table.

Period	Time of Day (Pacific Prevailing Time)	Initial Renewable Rate
Non-Evening Peak	Hour Ending 01 – 17 and 22 – 24	\$90.00/MWh
Evening Peak	Hour Ending 18 – 21	\$120.00/MWh

Capacity Rate. Projects that are eligible to provide RA will receive a fixed capacity payment of seven dollars (\$7.00) per kilowatt-month based on the Net Qualifying Capacity of the Project, in addition to the Renewable Rate and any bonus incentives.

Market Adjusting Mechanism. The Renewable Rate is subject to periodic adjustments based on the number of applications received in a three-month period, according to the following schedule. Up to three (3) applications will be accepted in each period. If zero (0) applications are received within a period, the Renewable Rate for the next period will increase by five dollars (\$5.00) per MWh. If one (1) application is received within a period, the Renewable Rate in the next period will stay the same. If two (2) or three (3) applications are received within a period, the base price for the next period will decrease by five dollars (\$5.00) per MWh. The base price for each new period will be available on RCEA's website by the first business day of the period.

Applications in a Three-Month Period	Change in Price
0	+ \$5/MWh
1	No change
2 or 3	- \$5/MWh

In the event of early termination of a FIT PPA, RCEA reserves the right to deny reapplication by the Seller or Seller's Affiliate for the same Project, to be determined in RCEA's sole discretion, at a higher price than the Renewable Rate the PPA was originally awarded.

Price Ceiling. While the Renewable Rate may adjust upward or downward from the initial base price, the Renewable Rate may not exceed one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per MWh for non-evening peak hours and one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) per MWh for evening peak hours. The price ceiling does not include bonus incentives. When applicable, bonus incentives may cause the aggregate price awarded to a Project to exceed the price ceiling.

Bonus Incentives. RCEA may adjust FIT pricing for certain Projects that meet the following criteria:

Bonus Criteria	Bonus Amount	Bonus Payout Period
EnviroStor Brownfield	\$10 / MWh	Paid during first 5 contract years of Eligible Resource operation.
Previously Developed Site	\$5 / MWh	
Local Business	\$5 / MWh	

Bonus payments, if any, will be added to the contract base price for the first five (5) years of the delivery period. After that, the price will revert to the base price in effect at the time the Project application was received. Required documentation must be submitted with the application package to apply for a bonus incentive, as outlined in the FIT Application. Information on how to qualify for each bonus incentive is as follows:

EnviroStor Brownfield. To qualify for this bonus incentive, at least fifty percent (50%) of the Project footprint must be on a site that is identified as a brownfield by the Department of Toxic Substances Control's data management system, EnviroStor, found at <https://envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. To identify eligible sites, select **Tools > Site / Facility Search** from the top menu and enter Humboldt as the county in the search tool. Filter by program type for *State Response Sites*, *Voluntary Agreement Sites*, and *Evaluation/Investigation Sites*. Deselect all filters for *Hazardous Waste Facilities and Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement*. The resulting records are eligible for the EnviroStor Brownfield bonus incentive. Documentation in the form of building permits or verifiable ground, aerial, or satellite photography, as solely determined by RCEA, must be provided with the FIT Application to claim this bonus.

Previously Developed Site. A site is considered previously developed for purposes of this Tariff Schedule if it either contains or has contained structures, or was used for parking, loading or storage related to a previous or existing land use other than agricultural grazing or crop production within the last twenty (20) years. To qualify for this bonus incentive, the previously developed land must make up at least twenty percent (20%) of the Project footprint. Documentation in the form of building permits or verifiable ground, aerial, or satellite photography, as solely determined by RCEA, must be provided with the FIT Application to claim this bonus. The Previously Developed Site bonus cannot be claimed in addition to the EnviroStor Brownfield bonus.

Local Business. To qualify for this bonus incentive the applicant or prime contractor must be headquartered in Humboldt County. Documentation in the form of a business license or organizational formation document, and a services contract, if applicable, must be provided prior to the Commercial Operation Date to claim this bonus.

## **V. FIT Power Purchase Agreement**

Term. All Projects shall execute RCEA's FIT PPA which is a standard, non-negotiable, twenty-year contract. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the FIT PPA.

Forecasting. Generation forecasts will be required at the time of application and updated on an as needed basis during construction, and at intervals specified in the FIT PPA during the Delivery Term.

Energy Production. If the Facility over-generates beyond 115% of Expected Energy in any contract year, compensation will be at 50% of the Renewable Rate for surplus generation. If the Facility under-generates by more than 50% of the Expected Energy in a Contract Year, RCEA has the right to terminate the contract.

## **VI. Application**

Collateral. For an application to be deemed complete, the applicant must submit a non-refundable application fee of \$500 and post the Collateral Requirement within three (3) business days of application submission. The Collateral Requirement is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per kW AC of Guaranteed Capacity if the Facility does not include a Storage Facility, or forty dollars (\$40.00) per kW AC of Guaranteed Capacity if the Facility includes a Storage Facility. The application fee and Collateral Requirement can be mailed as two separate checks to the address in the application, or transmitted electronically to RCEA. If Automated Clearing House ("ACH") is selected in the application, RCEA will send electronic remittance instructions to the applicant via email upon receipt of their application.

The Collateral Requirement will be held by RCEA until 1) the FIT PPA Delivery Term ends, 2) an Early Termination Date occurs under the FIT PPA, 3) RCEA's rejection of the FIT application due to

incompleteness, nonconformance, and/or applicant heterogeneity, or 4) inability to obtain approval of the FIT PPA from the RCEA Board of Directors.

Development Status. At the time of FIT application to RCEA, the Project must have achieved the following milestones, for which documentation is required with the application:

- 1) Full site control obtained for the duration of the FIT PPA term;
- 2) Initial interconnection study complete; and
- 3) Initial consultation with the AHJ regarding any discretionary permits has taken place.

Application Timeline. Applications are accepted while there is programmatic capacity available. RCEA staff will review applications for completeness within ten (10) business days of receipt. A complete application includes all the documentation listed in the application checklist. A conforming application meets all the project and applicant eligibility criteria set forth in this Tariff Schedule. Once an application is deemed complete and conforming, RCEA staff will bring the FIT PPA to the RCEA Board of Directors for approval at their next publicly noticed meeting. Even applications that are deemed complete and conforming by RCEA staff may be denied approval by the RCEA Board of Directors at their complete discretion. Applicants are expected to execute the FIT PPA within three (3) business days of Board approval, with an Expected COD that is within thirty (30) months of FIT PPA execution.

Cure Period. If there are deficiencies or errors in the application, the applicant will have ten (10) business days to provide corrections after being informed by RCEA, although they are encouraged to submit corrections as soon as possible. The applicant will retain their place in the queue during this curing period. If the applicant fails to correct those errors in the ten-business day window their place in the queue will be forfeited.

Applicant Heterogeneity. Any single applicant or its parent company is allowed to contract no more than 5 MW AC of generation capacity under RCEA's FIT program, unless no capacity has been subscribed in several program periods in which case RCEA reserves the right to waive this heterogeneity clause. If there are three (3) or more applications in a given period, including more than one application from one applicant, RCEA reserves the right to adjust the application placement in the queue such that contracts are awarded first to different applicants to maximize heterogeneity.

Queue. All applications submitted will be processed on a first come-first served basis and contracts will be brought to the RCEA Board of Directors for approval in the order that they are deemed complete and conforming by RCEA staff.