

Information regarding HB 1628 (Chap. 368, 2008 Session Laws)

House Bill 1628, which was recently passed by the New Hampshire Legislature, authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to make a one-time incentive payment from the renewable energy fund to residential owners of certain small renewable generation facilities that begin operation on or after July 1, 2008 and are located at the owner's residence.

Over the next few months, the Commission will establish an application process that includes criteria for qualifying for an incentive payment. The application process will include verification of costs for parts and labor, certification that the equipment used meets the applicable safety standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or similar safety rating agency, and that the facility meets local zoning regulations, and receives any required inspections.

Please note that renewable energy funds for these incentive payments will not be available until July 2009. Therefore, no request for funds should be filed at this time.

Information on the status of the application process will be posted on the Commission's website. The Commission will provide notice once an application process has been proposed, and that notice will be posted on our website along with other appropriate notices regarding this program. Please visit the Commission's website from time to time if you are interested in the status of the application process.

The full text of HB 1628 can be found at

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/HB1628.html>. Any further

inquiries should be directed to puc@puc.nh.gov.