

220 CMR 17.00: LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

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17.01: Purpose and Scope

- (1) Purpose. 220 CMR 17.00 establishes regulations for electric distribution companies to enter into long-term contracts with renewable energy developers to facilitate the financing of renewable energy generation.
- (2) Scope.
 - (a) 220 CMR 17.04 applies to electric distribution companies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - (b) 220 CMR 17.05 and 220 CMR 17.06 apply to long-term contracts subject to 220 CMR 17.00 between renewable energy developers and electric distribution companies, and the resources proposed under such contracts.

17.02: Definitions

For the purposes of 220 CMR 17.00, the terms set forth in 220 CMR 17.02 will be defined as follows, unless the context otherwise requires.

Customer means a recipient of distribution service provided by a distribution company.

Department means the Department of Public Utilities.

DOER means the Department of Energy Resources.

Distribution Company shall be as defined in M.G.L. c. 164, § 1.

Long-term Contract under 220 CMR 17.00 means a contract with a term of ten to 15 years.

Renewable Energy Generation Source means a source of generation of electricity or related attributes from renewable resources.

Renewable Energy Developer means an individual or company engaged in the business of developing renewable energy generation sources for the production of electricity and renewable energy generation attributes.

Renewable Resources are as defined in M.G.L. c. 25A, § 11F.

17.08: Long-term Contracts and RPS Requirements

- (1) A distribution company's obligation to enter long-term contracts is separate and distinct from its obligation to meet RPS requirements.
 - (2) 220 CMR 17.00 will not limit consideration of other short- or long-term contracts for power and/or RECs submitted by a distribution company for review and approval by the Department.
 - (3) If RPS requirements terminate, a distribution company's obligation to solicit long-term contracts shall also cease. **However, contracts already executed and approved by the Department will remain in full force and effect.**
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