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21 South Fruit St.  
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Re: DE 10-212, establishing a commercial and industrial renewable energy rebate program

Dear Director Howland:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on DE 10-212. The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association and New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation represent nearly 5,000 New Hampshire landowners and natural resource businesses. We have two interests in the referenced docket, as businesses interested in participating in the program and as landowners producing biomass.

Although we fully support the intent of this program and the structure of the rebate process we are very disappointed the Commission's proposal does not include biomass, wind or hydro power as eligible technologies.

Although we recognize the funds in this program are limited at issue here is the legislative intent of *New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law – RSA 362*. As stakeholders who actively participated in the development and debate of this law we can attest to the delicate balance struck between the business, environmental and utility community. The broad goals outlined in RSA 362 reflect this balance and were purposefully drafted to not favor one energy type over another.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to modify the proposed rule's eligibility standards found in paragraph 3 to allow all renewable energy sources contemplated in RSA 362.

Sincerely,

  
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