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Public Utilities Commission Announces the Residential and Commercial & Industrial Wood Pellet Rebate Programs Remain Open After Public Lottery

Concord, N.H. The Public Utilities Commission held a public lottery for the Residential Wood Pellet Central Heating Rebate program and the Commercial and Industrial Wood Pellet Rebate program today. Both programs have been closed since June due to high demand and limited funds. With the recent release of new program funds, the Commission held a lottery to make sure all applicants had an equal opportunity to participate in the rebate programs. The lottery process also determined the order for reviewing rebate applications. Following today's lottery, both the residential and commercial & industrial wood pellet rebate programs have funds remaining for rebates. Customers who missed the lottery deadline can still submit a rebate application. Applications will now be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds become fully committed.

The Commission is also holding a lottery for the solar rebate programs. Applications for the solar rebate programs lottery may be submitted through September 17th. The lottery will take place on September 24th. "Similar to the wood pellet programs, the solar rebate programs have been closed since June," explained Karen Cramton, Director of the Commission's Sustainable Energy Division. "The lottery process gives all applicants the same opportunity to participate in the rebate programs." Cramton also noted that the lottery will establish the order for reviewing solar rebate applications received by the lottery due date. Should funds be available after the lottery, the programs will accept applications on a first come, first served basis.

Funding for these rebate programs comes from the Renewable Energy Fund, or REF. The REF is funded annually through alternative compliance payments, or ACPs, received from electric providers. Under New Hampshire law, a certain percentage of energy supplied must be from renewable fuels and resources. Electric providers who cannot purchase enough renewable energy or who cannot get it at a reasonable price are allowed to meet this requirement through an alternative compliance payment into the REF.

To stay up-to-date on the status of the rebate programs, please visit the Commission's webpage at puc.nh.gov.