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Intra-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 10-024 and DE 10-212: Request to Reallocate FY16 C&I Solar Program Budgets

TO: Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
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The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) is a dedicated, non-lapsing fund whose purpose is to support electrical and thermal renewable energy initiatives. On August 6, 2015, the Commission released a preliminary program budget to spend $6,940,199 in state fiscal year 2016 (FY16) (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016). On September 1, 2015, staff completed the reconciliation of carry-forward funds and alternative compliance payments, increasing the funding available for programs by $2,784,068 for a revised FY16 program budget of $9,724,267, plus fiscal year 2015 carry-forward monies. On January 29, 2016, with Commission approval, these funds were allocated to REF programs (http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/CASEFILE/2010/10-024/LETTERS,%20MEMOS/10-024_2016-01-28_STAFF_MEMO_REC.PDF; refer to Table 3).

This memorandum requests approval to amend certain program budgets for FY16. Staff monitors REF programs and their respective budgets throughout the fiscal year. The Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Solar Category 1 program budget is fully reserved and several applications are queued in a waitlist. The C&I Solar Category 2 program budget has approximately $2 million unreserved. Staff recommends reallocating $500,000 from the Category 2 program budget to the Category 1 program budget. This reallocation will eliminate the current Category 1 waitlist and provide additional funds for applications not yet received. Table 1 summarizes the recommended budget reallocations and revised FY16 budget allocations for the C&I Solar programs.

Table 1 – FY16 Renewable Energy Fund C&I Solar Program Budget Reallocations

REF Program	Final FY16 Budget (approved January 29, 2016)	Recommended Reallocation	Revised FY16 Budget Allocation
C&I Solar Category 1	$ 3,977,801	$ 500,000	$ 4,477,801
C&I Solar Category 2	$ 3,886,067	($ 500,000)	$ 3,386,067

DE 10-212 Commercial and Industrial Solar Rebate Program

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