

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DRM 16-829

RULEMAKING

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules
Chapter Puc 2500, Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Rules**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 21, 2017, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a formal rulemaking for N.H. Code Admin. Rules Chapter 2500, Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Rules. The Commission's initial proposal represents a readoption of the existing Puc 2500 rules with amendments.

The Puc 2500 rules set forth the regulations applicable to administration of the New Hampshire electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS), including RPS compliance by retail electricity providers, eligibility of renewable energy sources, issuance and transfer of renewable energy certificates (RECs), metering and reporting standards, the qualifications and roles of independent monitors and REC aggregators, and funding of initiatives from the renewable energy fund (REF).

The initial proposal contains a number of amendments and updates to the Puc 2500 rules, such as the addition of biodiesel production as an eligible renewable energy technology, as required by recent legislation, amendments intended to address other recent statutory changes, including Senate Bill 129, and updating of the rules based on the Commission's experience in administering the RPS during the past few years. Upon completion of the formal rulemaking process, the proposed amended rules will replace the current version of Puc 2500.

A notice of rulemaking as required by RSA 541-A:6 (Notice), was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on September 12, 2017, and has been sent to all persons who have made a timely request for advance notice of these rulemaking proceedings. The Notice establishes a public hearing to be held at the Commission on October 18, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and a deadline for the submission of written comments on October 25, 2017. The Notice as published in the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register is appended hereto. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, this Order of Notice will also be published on the Commission's website.

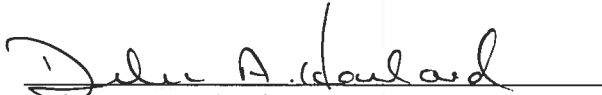
The Initial Proposal for readoption with amendments of the Puc 2500 rules may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-829.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Notice.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Public Hearing, pursuant to RSA 541-A:11, be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on October 18, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be October 25, 2017, as set forth in the Notice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice on the Commission's website no later than September 26, 2017.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day
of September, 2017.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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Rule Number Puc 2500

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 362-F:13; RSA 365:8, XII</u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: _____</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption _____</p> <p>Amendment _____</p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u></p>
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5. Short Title: **Puc 2500 – Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Rules**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

The Commission intends to readopt with amendments its Puc 2500 rules. Puc 2500 sets forth the rules applicable to administration of the electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS), including RPS compliance by retail electricity providers, eligibility of renewable energy sources, issuance and transfer of renewable energy certificates (RECs), metering and reporting standards, the qualifications and roles of independent monitors and REC aggregators, and funding of initiatives from the renewable energy fund (REF). The initial proposal contains a number of amendments and updates to the Puc 2500 rules, such as the addition of biodiesel production as an eligible renewable energy technology, as required by recent legislation, amendments intended to address other recent statutory changes, and updating of the rules based on the Commission’s administrative experience during the past few years.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The Puc 2500 rules affect retail providers of electricity, electric distribution utilities, sources producing renewable energy, and consumers of renewable electricity.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Statute
Puc 2501.01	RSA 362-F:13
Puc 2501.02	RSA 362-F
Puc 2501.02(a)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:3
Puc 2501.02(b)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6
Puc 2501.02(c)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10
Puc 2501.02(d)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6 and 7
Puc 2502.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10
Puc 2502.02(a)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, I; RSA 362-F:4, I(j)
Puc 2502.02(b)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, I; RSA 362-F:4, I(j)
Puc 2502.03	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, II
Puc 2502.04	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(m); RSA 362-A:1-a, I-b
Puc 2502.05	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(i)
Puc 2502.06	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, III
Puc 2502.07(a)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f)

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Puc 2502.07(b)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(b), (g), and (l)
Puc 2502.07(c)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(h)
Puc 2502.07(d)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(i)
Puc 2502.07(e)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(j)
Puc 2502.07(f)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(k)
Puc 2502.07(g)	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(m)
Puc 2502.08	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, II
Puc 2502.09	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, III
Puc 2502.10	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, IV
Puc 2502.11	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(k)
Puc 2502.12	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, IV
Puc 2502.13	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XII
Puc 2502.14	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, V
Puc 2502.15	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, VI
Puc 2502.16	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, VII
Puc 2502.17	RSA 362-F:13
Puc 2502.18	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, VIII
Puc 2502.19	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, IX
Puc 2502.20	RSA 362-F:13
Puc 2502.21	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, I
Puc 2502.22	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, X
Puc 2502.23	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, I
Puc 2502.24	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(i)
Puc 2502.25	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II
Puc 2502.26	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(m)
Puc 2502.27	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XV-a
Puc 2502.28	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XI
Puc 2502.29	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II
Puc 2502.30	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:3
Puc 2502.31	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XIII
Puc 2502.32	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XIV
Puc 2502.33	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10
Puc 2502.34	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XV
Puc 2502.35	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:3
Puc 2502.36	RSA 362-F:13
Puc 2502.37	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XV-a
Puc 2502.38	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:12
Puc 2502.39	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XV-a
Puc 2502.40	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:2, XV-a
Puc 2503.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:3; RSA 362-F:14; RSA 362-F:15
Puc 2503.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10
Puc 2503.03	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:8
Puc 2503.04	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II-a
Puc 2503.05	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:7
Puc 2504.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, IV; RSA 362-F:4, I(m)
Puc 2504.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:7
Puc 2505.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:11
Puc 2505.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:11, I
Puc 2505.03	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:13, V
Puc 2505.04	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(l); RSA 362-F:11, III; RSA 362-F:12

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Puc 2505.05	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(i)
Puc 2505.06	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(j)
Puc 2505.07	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(l)
Puc 2505.08	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(l)
Puc 2505.09	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(m)
Puc 2505.10	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II
Puc 2505.11	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:12
Puc 2505.12	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(m); RSA 362-F:11
Puc 2505.13	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:11
Puc 2505.14	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:11, II
Puc 2505.15	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:11; RSA 362-F:12
Puc 2506.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6
Puc 2506.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II; RSA 362-F:7, II
Puc 2506.03	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:4, I(k)
Puc 2506.04	RSA 362-F:13, VI-a
Puc 2506.05	RSA 362-F:13, VI-a
Puc 2506.06	RSA 362-F:13, VI-a
Puc 2506.07	RSA 362-F:13, VI-b
Puc 2506.08	RSA 362-F:13, VI-b
Puc 2506.09	RSA 362-F:13, VI-b
Puc 2507.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II
Puc 2507.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:6, II
Puc 2508.01	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10
Puc 2508.02	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10, I
Puc 2508.03	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10, I
Puc 2508.04	RSA 362-F:13; RSA 362-F:10, I

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **October 25, 2017**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **October 18, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.**
Place: **N.H. Public Utilities Commission**
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301