

# Residential Renewable Electric Rebate Program

## Revised Program Frequently Asked Questions

**I installed a solar PV system on my home in New Hampshire and have never received a rebate (This includes systems installed any time after 2009, including those systems installed after June 30, 2017, the date when the Program was closed to new applications). Can I apply to the revised Residential Renewable Electric Rebate Program (Program)?**

Yes. [Order No. 26,075](#) states that all residential system owners meeting the modified Program eligibility requirements should have the opportunity to submit applications upon the re-opening of the Program, including for those systems installed during the time period following June 30, 2017, when the Program was closed to new applications. Program eligibility requirements are listed on page 1 of the Step 1 rebate application.

### **How do I apply for a residential solar PV rebate?**

Applicants must complete the necessary Step 1 and/or Step 2 application. The signed, original application must be submitted to the Commission at the address listed below. Applications will be reviewed and must meet the program terms and conditions to be eligible for a rebate.

### **Which application do I need to submit?**

Revised Step 1 and Step 2 applications will be made available on the Commission's website prior to the opening of the program on January 2, 2018. The Commission will allow residents with systems that were installed and interconnected prior to the time of application submit **only** the revised Step 2 application.

**If you have already installed your system and not yet applied for a rebate**, you should submit only a revised Step 2 application.

**If you have not yet installed your system**, please submit a revised Step 1 application.

**Former STEP 1 APPLICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.** Only revised Step 1 and Step 2 applications will be accepted for **new** applicants.

### **What do I do if I already submitted a Step 1 application under the previous program?**

If you submitted a Step 1 application prior to the close of the rebate program on July 1, 2017, you must continue to meet the previous Program's terms and conditions. To receive your rebate, submit your Step 2 application once your system is installed and interconnected using the [Former Step 2 application](#). You do not need to wait until the Program re-opens to submit your Former Step 2 application.

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### Where, when and how should I submit my application?

The Program will re-open to submissions of revised Step 1 and Step 2 applications beginning on January 2, 2018. Revised applications **will not** be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Instead, a public lottery will be conducted to determine application queue positions. The lottery will include all revised Step 1 and Step 2 applications received or postmarked on or before February 1, 2018.

All applications must be submitted via hard copy and can be mailed or hand delivered to:

Sustainable Energy Division  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

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**Former STEP 2 APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FOR PRE-JULY 1 APPLICANTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.**

**Only revised Step 1 and Step 2 applications will be accepted for new applicants.**

### How has the rebate program changed?

Modifications include the following:

- A rebate level of \$0.20/watt up to \$1,000 or 30% of system costs, whichever is lower.
- Step 1 approval will now reserve funding for 9 months. If you do not submit a Step 2 application prior to the end of the 9 months, the reserved funds may be released back into the available program funds.
- Changes to simplify the application process.

Please review [Order No. 26,075](#) and the revised Step 1 and 2 applications for more information and full details regarding program modifications.

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### Funding Questions:

#### What is the renewable energy fund?

The renewable energy fund was created by the legislature (RSA [362F](#)) to help promote renewable energy initiatives in New Hampshire. The renewable energy fund supports initiatives through rebate and grant programs.

#### Where does the money for the renewable energy fund come from?

Under New Hampshire law, a certain percentage of the electric energy supplied in the state must be from renewable fuels and resources. Electricity providers who cannot purchase enough renewable energy or who cannot get it at a reasonable price are allowed to meet this requirement by making an alternative compliance payment to the renewable energy fund.

#### Is the funding available in the renewable energy fund the same every year?

No. The amount of alternative compliance payments to the renewable energy fund varies from year to year.

#### When is the funding level known?

Electricity providers make their alternative compliance payments for the prior calendar year on July 1. Once those payments are made, an estimate of how much money will be in the renewable energy fund for the fiscal year, which also begins on July 1, is available. Providers also file a report showing how much energy was sold and how much of the energy sold was renewable and then account for the difference between the amount required to be renewable and the actual amount that is renewable, if any, with the alternative compliance payment. Those reports must be verified to make sure the payments made are correct. So while there is an estimate of the funding on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the actual funding available isn't known until sometime in September.

Once all the payments have been verified, budgets for the programs supported by the renewable energy fund get put together. The budgets are then reviewed and approved by the Commission. In past years, budgets have been approved as early as September and as late as November.