



March 16, 2010

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: Docket No. DE 10-024
Opportunity to Comment on Renewable Energy Fund

Dear Ms. Howland,

2nd Nature Academy, a private school, located in Nashua is the first school in New Hampshire to become LEED-Certified, and the first non-residential building in New Hampshire to receive Platinum certification, the highest LEED ranking possible. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is a process conducted through the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) which follows a strict code of guidelines to ensure quality of materials and construction in order to reduce a building's carbon footprint and improve indoor air quality. Points are awarded in the areas of site sustainability, water efficiency, energy & atmosphere, materials & resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation & design.

In regards to Renewable Energy, nearly half of the energy for our school comes from a 10 KW solar electric system, installed by KW Management, on our south facing roof. We have taken our commitment one step further by offsetting 100% of the remaining required electricity by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits from wind power. No fossil fuels were used eliminating that potential indoor air quality concern and climate change potential. When we originally decided on installing the 10KW solar electric system we were encouraged that New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission was considering setting aside monies for a commercial program. We believe that financial support from the State will encourage more businesses to invest in renewable energy. It is a financial hardship for us to stay committed to our environmental and renewable energy goals but since we are a healthy high-performance, green school community with an environmental science pedagogy and integrated curriculum, we decided if we are going to talk to talk then we need to walk the walk.

We are currently in the midst of building another green building on the campus and will utilize the same strict environmental guidelines in erecting this building. We plan on adding additional renewable energy and would greatly appreciate State support in this endeavor. We believe setting aside one million dollars for the commercial program would be beneficial and suggest that \$1.00 per watt up to 50kw and \$.50 a watt up to 100kw. Any consideration in providing monies for previous installed renewable energy would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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