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APPENDIX II-G

COVER SHEET FOR FINAL PROPOSAL

Notice Number 2014-74	Rule Number	Puc 2500
 Agency Name & Address: Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301 	 2. RSA Authority: 3. Federal Authority: 4. Type of Action: Adopt Amendment Repeal Readoption 	RSA 362-F:13
5. Short Title: Puc 2500 Renewable Portfolio Standard		
6. Contact person for copies and questions: Name: Michael Sheehan Address: New Hampshire Public Util Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite Concord NH 03301		Staff Attorney 603-271-6028

7. Yes \square No \boxtimes Agency requests review by Committee legal staff in the Office of Legislative Services and delayed Committee review pursuant to RSA 541-A:12, I-a.

8. The rulemaking notice appeared in the <u>Rulemaking Register</u> on May 29, 2014.

9. Yes \square N/A \boxtimes Agency notified policy committees, or House Speaker and Senate President, pursuant to RSA 541-A:10, I because this is the first time this rule or its amendments have been proposed to implement newly-enacted state authority.

SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS--PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THIS COVER SHEET AND ONE COPY OF THE FOLLOWING: (optional to number correspondingly)

10. The "Final Proposal-Fixed Text," including the cross-reference table required by RSA 541-A:3-a, II as an appendix.

11.- Yes 🕅 N/A Incorporation by Reference Statement(s) because this rule incorporates a document or Internet content by reference for which an Incorporation by Reference Statement is required pursuant to RSA 541-A:12, III.

12. Yes N/A The "Final Proposal-Annotated Text," indicating how the proposed rule was changed because the text of the rule changed from the Initial Proposal pursuant to RSA 541-A:12, II(e).

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13. Yes N/A The amended fiscal impact statement because the change to the text of the Initial Proposal affects the original fiscal impact statement (FIS) pursuant to RSA 541-A:5, VI.
 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COVER SHEET FOR FINAL PROPOSAL

The first and second unnumbered items, and <u>Items 1 through 5</u>, shall be completed with the same information as appeared in the "Rulemaking Notice Form" (Appendix II-C) as published for the Initial Proposal in the <u>Rulemaking Register</u>. <u>Item 6</u> shall identify the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person in the agency who can answer questions about the proposed rule and supply copies.

The agency shall then indicate, by checking the appropriate box on <u>Item 7</u>, whether it is requesting that it receive and respond to comments of the Committee legal staff_prior to the Committee meeting that is at least 28 days, but not more than 60 days, after the proposal is filed. In effect, this would be a request for postponement of Committee action. See RSA 541-A:12, I-a and Section 2.14 of Chapter 3 in the <u>Drafting and Procedure Manual</u> for Administrative Rules (Manual).

In <u>Item 8</u> the agency shall list the full date, by month, day, and year, on which the "Rulemaking Notice Form" was published in the <u>Rulemaking Register</u>.

In <u>Item 9</u> the agency shall indicate, by checking either the "Yes" box or the "N/A" (not applicable) box, whether it had notified the House and Senate policy committees, or the House Speaker and Senate President, pursuant to RSA 541-A:10, I because the Initial Proposal was the first time the rule or its amendments had been proposed to implement newly-enacted state authority.

<u>Items 10 through 13</u> all relate to required attachments to the "Final Proposal Cover Sheet". PROVIDE ONE COPY OF EVERYTHING SUBMITTED. IT IS OPTIONAL TO NUMBER THEM ACCORDINGLY. <u>Item 10</u> is required in every filing, and therefore is listed without a check-box. <u>Items 11 through 13</u> will be required only under the circumstances set forth in the description of the items listed below. The agency shall determine whether such attachment is required and then check either the "Yes" box to indicate that the document is required and has been attached or the "N/A" box if the document is not required and therefore not applicable:

- <u>Item 10.</u> The "Final Proposal—Fixed Text," required by RSA 541-A:12, II(b). See also Section 2.12 of Chapter 3 in the <u>Manual</u>. Include the cross-reference table required by RSA 541-A:3-a, II as was done for the Initial Proposal. See Section 2.4 of Chapter 3 in the <u>Manual</u>.
- <u>Item 11</u>. An "Incorporation by Reference Statement" (Appendix II-H) if the agency has incorporated a thirdparty document or Internet content by reference for which such a statement is required pursuant to RSA 541-A: 12, III. See Section 3.12 of Chapter 4 in the <u>Manual</u>.
- <u>Item 12</u>. The text of the final proposal annotated to reflect how the text of the Final Proposal differs from the text of the Initial Proposal, if the text has changed during the public hearing and comment process. See RSA 541-A:12, II(e) and Section 5.4 of Chapter 4 in the <u>Manual</u>.
- <u>Item 13</u>. The amended fiscal impact statement obtained from the Legislative Budget Assistant if, as a result of the public hearing and comment process, a change has been made to the rule which affects the original fiscal impact statement. See RSA 541-A:5, VI and Section 2.11 of Chapter 3 in the <u>Manual</u>.