

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Intra-Department Communication

**DATE:** May 29, 2018  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** Karen Cramton, Director, Sustainable Energy Division *KC*  
**SUBJECT:** DE 10-024, DE 10-212, DE 13-298, and DE 16-614: Request to Establish Waitlists and Close Programs  
**TO:** Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman  
Kathryn M. Bailey, Commissioner  
Michael S. Giaimo, Commissioner  
Debra Howland, Executive Director  
**CC:** Eunice Landry, Business Administrator

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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. By secretarial letter dated September 20, 2017, the Commission approved the program budget for state fiscal year 2018 (FY18) (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). Budget and program details of the REF are available in the Commission's online docket book for DE 10-024 available at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-024.html>

As of May 29, 2018, all Renewable Energy Fund programs (Programs), with the exception of the Residential Solar Hot Water program, have received applications for funding in excess of available FY18 allocated Program funds.

For the Residential Solar and Wind Rebate Program, Staff previously recommended, and the Commission has authorized, the creation of a program waitlist to establish priority for the processing of applications if and when additional funding becomes available. Due to the size of the waitlist, the Commission also closed the rebate program to new applications.

Through the lottery process for the Commercial and Industrial Solar Rebate Program, the Commission authorized the creation of a program a waitlist. The waitlist currently contains applications requesting rebate funds in excess of \$400,000. Staff recommends that the Commission close the program to new applications and retain the program waitlist to establish priority for the processing of applications if and when additional funding becomes available.

The Residential Bulk Fed Wood Pellet Boiler/Furnace Rebate Program has received applications requesting approximately \$33,000 for which there is not available program funding. Staff recommends the Commission authorize the creation of a program waitlist to establish priority for the processing of applications if and when additional funding becomes available. In addition, funds cannot be transferred into this program because all Programs currently have waitlisted applications. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission close the program to new applications and retain the program waitlist.

Similarly, the Commercial and Industrial Wood Pellet Bulk Fuel Fed Central Heating Rebate Program has received applications requesting approximately \$67,000 for which there is not available funding. Staff recommends the Commission authorize the creation of a program waitlist to establish priority for the processing of applications if and when additional funding becomes available. In addition, funds cannot be transferred into this program because all Programs currently have waitlisted applications. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission close the program to new applications and retain the program waitlist.

Staff indicated that additional funding for the REF is expected at or around the start of the next fiscal year; July 1, 2018. Staff will also continue to monitor all programs for expired step 1 applications, indicating projects are not moving forward, to release funds as appropriate.

Staff recommends the Commission authorize Staff to establish applicable program waitlists and close Programs to new applications until additional fiscal year 2019 budget funds become available.

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