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Re: DRM 16-829, Rulemaking, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2500, Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

To Interested Persons:

On October 18, 2016, Commission Staff recommended that a rulemaking docket be opened with respect to potential amendments of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2500, the Commission's rules relative to the Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

Amendments to the Puc 2500 rules are required in order to establish procedures for the metering, verification, and reporting of useful thermal energy output for producers of biodiesel no later than December 31, 2017, pursuant to the enactment of Senate Bill 386, which became effective on July 19, 2016. Staff also indicated that other changes to the Puc 2500 rules may be considered through the rulemaking process, including, but not limited to, changes relative to the requirements for independent monitors and for RPS compliance reporting.

To facilitate the rulemaking process, the Commission has opened docket DRM 16-829. In addition, the Commission has scheduled a technical session with interested stakeholders to consider and discuss the following issues specific to the inclusion of biodiesel production for RPS Class I eligibility:

- verification process for the sale of biodiesel into the NH thermal energy market,
- metering requirements,
- documentation requirements for end user efficiency rating (or assumptions if documentation is not practical),
- qualifications and role of the independent monitor(s),
- role of Department of Environmental Services (DES), and
- NEPOOL-GIS reporting requirements and procedures.

The technical session will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the Commission's offices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
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