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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 16-850 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Modification of Renewable Portfolio Standard 2016 Class I Thermal and 2017 Class III Requirements

Dear Ms. Howland:

I'm writing to urge the Commission not to modify the requirements for RPS 2016 Class I Thermal and 2017 Class III Requirements.

I question how New Hampshire will ever reach the goal of 25% renewable energy by 2025 if the targets are constantly being downgraded.

| Renewable Portfolio Standard Obligations | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Calendar Year | Total Requirement | Total Class I | Thermal Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV |
| 2008 | 4.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 3.50% | 0.50% |
| 2009 | 6.00% | 0.50% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 4.50% | 1.00% |
| 2010 | 7.54% | 1.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 5.50% | 1.00% |
| 2011 | 9.58% | 2.00% | 0.00% | 0.08% | 6.50% | 1.00% |
| 2012 | 5.55% | 3.00% | 0.00% | 0.15% | 1.40% | 1.00% |
| 2013 | 5.80% | 3.80% | 0.00% | 0.20% | 0.50% | 1.30% |
| 2014 | 7.20% | 5.00% | 0.40% | 0.30% | 0.50% | 1.40% |
| 2015 | 8.30% | 6.00% | 0.60% | 0.30% | 0.50% | 1.50% |
| 2016 | 9.20% | 6.90% | 1.30% | 0.30% | 0.50% | 1.50% |
| 2017 | 17.60% | 7.80% | 1.40% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2018 | 18.50% | 8.70% | 1.50% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2019 | 19.40% | 9.60% | 1.60% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2020 | 20.30% | 10.50% | 1.70% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2021 | 21.20% | 11.40% | 1.80% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2022 | 22.10% | 12.30% | 1.90% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2023 | 23.00% | 13.20% | 2.00% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2024 | 23.90% | 14.10% | 2.00% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |
| 2025 and thereafter | 24.80% | 15.00% | 2.00% | 0.30% | 8.00% | 1.50% |

The chart from

http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Sustainable%20Energy/Renewable_Portfolio_Standard_Program.htm

shows that New Hampshire has actually lost ground in sourcing renewable energy since 2011.

My understanding is that the Alternative Compliance Payment was created to help the utilities avoid the need to purchase Renewable Energy Credits at market value while still making progress toward increasing diversity and building our renewable energy sources through ACP proceeds. Now it appears that not only are we **not** allowing market forces to drive us toward a clean energy future, we are about to let the utilities off the hook for even the minimal ACP payments.

I respectfully request the Public Utilities Commission require that ACP payments be met or RECs be purchased as intended to support the RPS.

Sincerely,

Pat Martin