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Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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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 am writing to strongly request that the PUC NOT modify the requirements for RPS 2016 Class I Thermal and 2017 Class III Requirements. That is to say, please do not make modifications that continue the downward slide away from efforts to achieve the goal of RSA 362-F.

It is clear to see that if the targets continue to be downgraded, New Hampshire will not be able to reach our goal of 25% renewable energy generation by 2025.

The PUC's web page, [http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Sustainable%20Energy/Renewable Portfolio Standard Program.htm](http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Sustainable%20Energy/Renewable_Portfolio_Standard_Program.htm) clearly states: **"New Hampshire's RPS statute, RSA 362-F, requires each electricity provider to meet customer load by purchasing or acquiring certificates representing generation from renewable energy based on total megawatt-hours supplied."**

Please support the intention and the letter of the RSA. Please recall that in 2007 164 NH towns passed Warrant Articles asking for efforts to be made by their local, state and federal government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of renewable energy resources. 164 towns are a clear majority, and it was a strong expression of the will of the people.

I ask that the PUC stand up firmly to the forces that would continue to pull us away from attaining the clearly stated goals of RSA 362-F and achieving the Renewable Portfolio Standard. We don't want NH to fail at this critical step in moving forward toward a clean energy future.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for citizen input and for all your work for the welfare of NH citizens and communities.

Sincerely,

Beverly Edwards

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