

Annual RPS Compliance Report for 2009

The New Hampshire Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) rules at Puc 2507.02 require that the Commission must, on September 1 of each year, publish on its website a report showing the Class I, II, III and IV alternative compliance payments (ACPs) received in the calendar year. The rules list the following items:

1. Class II alternative compliance payments received in the calendar year.

For the 2009 compliance year, electricity providers were only required to obtain renewable energy certificates (RECs) from Class I, Class III and Class IV sources. As a result, the Commission did not receive any Class II ACPs for the 2009 compliance year.

2. Class I, III and IV alternative compliance payments received in the calendar year.

For the 2009 compliance year, the four New Hampshire electric distribution utilities and seven competitive electric power suppliers were required to obtain RECs equal to 0.5 percent of electricity supplied to retail customers from Class I sources, 4.5 percent from Class III sources and 1.0 percent from Class IV sources or make ACPs into the Renewable Energy Fund (REF). Total Class I, Class III and Class IV obligations were roughly 51,000 RECs, 456,000 RECs and 101,000 RECs, respectively. If the electricity providers met 100 percent of these obligations by making ACPs into the REF, then the Commission would have received a total of approximately \$19.7 million (the sum of about \$3.1 million in Class I ACPs, \$13.6 million in Class III ACPs and \$3.0 million in Class IV ACPs). However, since the electricity providers purchased or obtained RECs to meet a substantial portion of their obligations, the Commission received approximately \$78,500 in Class III ACPs and \$1.26 million in Class IV ACPs, totaling \$1.34 million.

2009 Alternative Compliance Payments Paid into the Renewable Energy Fund

	Class I ACPs	Class III ACPs	Class IV ACPs	Total ACPs
Distribution Utilities				
Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Service Company of NH	\$0	\$0	\$951,598	\$951,598
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Distribution Utilities' Total	\$0	\$0	\$951,598	\$951,598
Competitive Suppliers' Total	\$0	\$78,468	\$314,121	\$392,590
New Hampshire Total	\$0	\$78,468	\$1,265,720	\$1,344,188

Initial figures are subject to audit.

3. An estimate of the funds resulting from Class II ACPs that are available to support new solar energy technology initiatives.

Although the Commission did not receive Class II ACPs for the 2009 compliance year, RSA 362-F allows the Commission to utilize Class I, Class III and IV ACPs to fund new solar energy technology initiatives. As a result, the funds collected for Class I, Class III and Class IV compliance are supporting the Commission's residential renewable energy generation rebate programs that include solar photovoltaic, wind and solar hot water heating systems. The Commission is also developing a commercial and industrial renewable energy rebate program. Of the \$4.07 million REF balance for the 2011 fiscal year, a portion is available to support these programs. See the following table for details.

4. An estimate of Class I, Class III and Class IV ACP amounts in the REF available to support other thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives.

Renewable Energy Fund Balance as of Aug. 23, 2010	
	Millions
2009 ACPs into REF (2008 Compliance Year)	\$4.48
Less, Admin.	\$0.23
Rebates paid	\$1.52
REF Balance 6/30/2010	\$2.73
2010 ACPs into REF (2009 Compliance Year)	\$1.34
REF Balance forward for FY 11 and future	\$4.07
Less, Admin (budgeted)	\$0.36
Rebates paid	\$0.12
Rebates reserved/ pending	\$0.85
REF Balance 8/23/2010	\$2.74
C&I set-aside (minimum)	\$1.00
Residential PV and Wind	\$0.20
Solar Hot Water Heating FY'11	\$0.23
REF uncommitted Balance	\$1.31

The remaining balance of 2008 payments into the REF of \$2.73 million and \$1.34 million in 2009 ACPs totals \$4.07 million in funds available to support the Commission's renewable energy rebate programs. As of August 23, 2010, the REF has an uncommitted balance of roughly \$1.31 million for other thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives.