



RPS Class I & II Amended Draft Regulations

Dear Massachusetts RPS Stakeholders,

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) provides notice to stakeholders that on December 4, 2020, DOER filed amended draft regulations with the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE) for the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) Class I and Class II. The amended draft regulations and guidelines, along with a response to comments and additional analysis, have been posted to DOER's [website](#) for stakeholder review.

The amended draft RPS Class I and Class II regulations that were filed with TUE have maintained many of the initially proposed provisions, including:

RPS Class I

- capping Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) rate;
- ensuring that retail electricity suppliers cannot avoid discharging obligations in the event of non-compliance;
- modifying and simplifying provisions related to biomass generation;
- eliminating capacity commitment obligation requirements that are applicable to certain types of generators;
- eliminating certain requirements for generators outside of ISO-NE; and
- reducing the number of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SREC) that can be generated after 2020.

RPS Class II

- aligning with the changes made in RPS Class I regulations; and
- increasing the RPS Class II Waste Energy Minimum Standard and ACP rate.

Following a review of the public comments and additional analysis, DOER has made minor modifications that include:

RPS Class I

- clarifying biomass feedstock eligibility;
- increasing the overall efficiency requirement for biomass Generation Units;
- reducing the time period for biomass Generation Units to achieve a reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions;
- explicitly prohibiting generation of certificates for biomass Generation Units if a reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emission is not achieved;
- incorporating a phased reduction of the ACP rate to align with Connecticut RPS Class I ACP;
- continuing to require recertification with LIHI for hydroelectric facilities; and
- allowing DOER to modify a SREC factor.

RPS Class II

- aligning with the changes made in RPS Class I regulations; and
- adjusting the starting year for the RPS Class II Waste Energy Minimum Standard and ACP rate to 2021.

If you have questions on the documents that have been posted or the rulemaking process, DOER asks that you please direct them to DOER.RPS@mass.gov.

Regards,

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