

2018 Renewable Portfolio Standard Review
Stakeholder Session #1: Kick-Off
Session Summary Notes
April 16, 2018, 1:00 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. State Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Efforts: Current Status and Trends

- A. Presentation provided by Warren Leon, Executive Director of Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA).
- B. Presentation is available on the Commission's 2018 RPS Review webpage (<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Sustainable%20Energy/Review%20RPS%20Law.html>)
- C. Short Q&A period followed the presentation. Several topics were discussed, including:
 - Regional offshore wind development
 - RPS and impact on innovation and low carbon technologies
 - Alternative Compliance Payments – trends over time
 - Renewable energy and its impact on regional wholesale prices
 - RPS and storage

III. New Hampshire's RPS: Overview and Status

- A. Presentation provided by Karen Cramton, Director, Sustainable Energy Division at New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
- B. Presentation is available on the Commission's 2018 RPS Review webpage (<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Sustainable%20Energy/Review%20RPS%20Law.html>)

IV. RPS Review: Process and Timeline

- A. January through March 2018 – Planning and Literature Review
- B. April through July 2018 – Public Input and Analysis, Research
- C. November 1, 2018 – Final Report Due
- D. Refer to Public Utilities Commission Presentation, Slide #19 for more details

V. Next Steps

- A. Next Session - Stakeholder Session #2 – May 10, 2018
 - 1. Discussion Topics will include the following review considerations outlined in RSA 362-F:5:
 - Adequacy of current/ potential sources to meet class requirements (I)
 - Class requirements of all sources in light of existing and expected market conditions (II)
 - Potential for addition of a thermal energy component to the electric RPS (III)
 - Increasing the class requirements relative to class I and II beyond 2025 (IV)
 - Increasing the class requirements relative energy efficiency class or the consolidation of existing ones (V)

- Timeframe and manner in which new renewable class I and II sources might transition to and be treated as existing renewable source, and if appropriate how corresponding portfolio standards of new and existing sources might be adjusted (VI)
- B. During the session, several Stakeholders made requests for various data points, such as:
- Total PV capacity that received RPS incentive (i.e. rebate or grant funding)
 - Class II REC certified facilities and net metering credit
 - Total ACPs paid since program inception and funds used for non-RPS purposes
 - Impact of those funds if used instead for RPS programs
 - Number of RECs generated per dollar of RPS funding
- C. During the session, several Stakeholders offered suggestions for other topics to research, analyze, discuss during the 2018 RPS review:
- Supply of, and demand for, RECs
 - RPS benefits analysis, including economic and environmental analysis
- D. In addition to the ability to submit written comments, a request was made to provide opportunities for Stakeholders to present data, analysis and research findings at future stakeholder meetings. Commission staff will develop and distribute procedures and guidelines for such presentations in advance of the May session.