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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Residential Bulk-Fed Wood-Pellet Central Boilers and Furnace Rebate Program – Suspend Acceptance of Applications

The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) is a special, non-lapsing fund the purpose of which is to support electrical and thermal renewable energy initiatives. By memoranda dated September 3, 2021 and November 1, 2021, the Department of Energy (Department) established and approved the program budget allocations for state fiscal year 2022 (FY22) (i.e., July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). Budget and program details of the REF are currently available at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/SustainableEnergy/RenewableEnergyRebates.html>.

This memorandum notifies potential applicants and other stakeholders of the temporary closure of the Residential Bulk-Fed Wood-Pellet Central Boilers and Furnace Rebate Program (Program) and suspension of the Department's acceptance of new project applications.

As directed by the Department on November 1, 2021, applications for the Program will no longer be accepted after the Program waitlist exceeds \$25,000. As of March 7, 2022, the Program received applications in excess of its funding allocation and the \$25,000 authorized waitlist amount. The Program shall remain closed unless and until a further memo is issued when and if additional funding is made available during fiscal year 2023.

Applicants will be notified as soon as possible as to their application status, and the Department will return to applicants all rebate applications that were received in excess of the authorized waitlist amount. Department staff will continue to monitor for expired step 1 Program applications. All applicants with expired step 1 applications will be notified by email and given 10 business days to submit a completed step 2 application or request an extension. If no action is taken by the applicant within 10 business days, the reserved funds will be "released" and made available to other applications in the queue.