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Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
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Re: RPS Public Comment as submitted by email to doer.rps@mass.gov

Dear Commissioner Woodcock:

I am a retired environmental scientist who has worked at EPA, in universities, and in the private sector. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the RPS regulations that would allow Massachusetts ratepayer dollars to incentivize inefficient, polluting biomass-burning electricity plants in New England. At a time when we should be moving forward as quickly as possible to reduce the state's carbon emissions, this is a dangerous step backward.

Wood-burning power plants are not "clean energy" – they emit large quantities of harmful air pollution and are damaging to our health, our climate, and our forests. To characterize them as clean is to perpetrate a lie on the people of Massachusetts. They deserve better from their public officials.

The new regulations open the door even wider for dozens of existing, highly polluting biomass power plants across New England to sell renewable energy credits in Massachusetts at a time when we need to be generating more and more clean renewable energy. To meet our climate goals, we need to invest in truly clean renewable energy sources that don't emit carbon, such as wind and solar, and we need to protect our forests, which absorb and sequester carbon.

Please withdraw the proposed RPS regulation changes that would allow ratepayer dollars to prop up dirty energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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