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Re: RPS Public Comment as submitted by email to doer.rps@mass.gov

Dear Commissioner Woodcock,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the proposed changes to the RPS regulations that would allow Massachusetts ratepayer dollars to incentivize inefficient, polluting biomass burning electricity plants in New England.

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.

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,

Barbara D'Arthenay