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> Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. Secretary

> > Mark D. Sylvia Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), acting under statutory authority of Section 11F of Chapter 25A of the General Laws, and in conformance with Chapter 30A of the General Laws, is holding a public hearing on proposed amendments to portions of 225 CMR 14--Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I ("RPS Class I"). The RPS Class I regulations require all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the Commonwealth to obtain a specific minimum percentage of their electricity supply from renewable energy generation sources. The proposed amendments: (1) establish a second phase of the RPS Class I "Solar Carve-Out;" and (2) make several other (non-solar) revisions to improve the RPS Class I program.

A public hearing will be conducted to receive oral and written comments on the proposed regulations.

Location: Gardner Auditorium, Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA 02133

Date: January 24, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Oral and written testimony will be accepted at the hearing; however, parties are requested to provide written copies of their testimony. Written comments will be accepted beginning on January 3, 2014 and ending at 5 pm on January 29, 2014. Please submit written comments to Michael Judge, via mail to the Department of Energy Resources, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020, Boston, MA 02114, or electronically to <u>DOER.SREC@state.ma.us</u>. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the DOER website <u>www.mass.gov/doer</u> or by contacting Michael Judge at <u>michael.judge@state.ma.us</u>.

BY ORDER OF: Mark Sylvia, Commissioner Department of Energy Resources.