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Samantha Meserve
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Dear Ms. Meserve:

I am writing to comment on DOER's draft regulations for the Massachusetts Alternative Portfolio Standard (APS).

As a forest landowner, and someone who uses firewood harvested from my own property to supplement my home heating, I feel it is critical for the final regulations to recognize the value of including provisions for the residential use of cordwood as a fuel source. Many of us in rural Massachusetts heat with wood. Cordwood is a vital commodity in the commonwealth's small towns.

With the closure of pulpwood mills in Maine, there is an even greater need here in Massachusetts for markets to move low-grade material from our working woodlands. I would hope that green woodchips will be allowed in the final regulations as using energy to dry green chips places additional burdens on the supply chain not to mention adding unnecessary costs to the customer and end-users.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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