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VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

April 27, 2021

To: Clerk of the House of Representatives  
CC: Chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy  
RE: Submission of amended Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I & II – 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00 to General Court

Dear Clerk:

On April 16, 2021, the Department of Energy Resources (Department) filed the phase 1 final amendments of RPS regulations after notifying the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy of the Department's decision to bifurcate the RPS regulations into two phases. Included in the filing on April 16<sup>th</sup> were all changes, not including the proposed biomass amendments, that were submitted to the House Clerk on December 4, 2020 and subsequently referred to the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy on December 14, 2020.

The Department has made the decision to restart the approval process for the attached draft regulations by submitting them for referral to the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy in accordance with M.G.L. c. 25A, § 12.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 25A, Section 12, please find enclosed:

- 225 CMR 14.00 and 15.00 – draft Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Regulations (amended)
- Summary of the amended Regulations in layman's terms

In the development of amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00, the pertinent provisions of Chapter 30A, except section five, have been complied with.

In addition to the requirements of Section 12, the Department has made additional information, including a response to public comments received, available to the public regarding these amendments. That information is accessible through the Department's website:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rps-class-i-ii-rulemaking>

Please direct questions and comments on this regulation to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Woodcock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "W".

Patrick C. Woodcock  
Commissioner

