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VIA EMAIL

April 16, 2020

Chairman Michael Barrett  
Chairman Jeffrey Roy  
Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy  
24 Beacon St.  
Room 416  
Boston, MA 02133

**RE: Proposed Amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00; submission to General Court**

Dear Chairman Barrett and Chairman Roy:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (Department), and in accordance with Section 12 of Chapter 25A of the Massachusetts General Laws, enclosed for filing please find the phase 1 final amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00— the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS).

The Department has chosen to bifurcate the RPS regulations into two phases. The enclosed phase 1 final amendments of RPS regulations include 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. In accordance with M.G.L. 25A Sec.12, DOER will file the final regulations with the state secretary not earlier than thirty days from the date of this letter.

Phase 2 of the RPS regulations includes all biomass related amendments. Following a public comment period on two new amendments, the Department plans to file the amended draft

regulations with the House Clerk for referral to the Joint Committee, in accordance with M.G.L. 25A Sec.12.

These Phase 1 final amendments to the Department's RPS regulations are being submitted to your office after complying with all applicable provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, except Section five.

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