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VIA EMAIL

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Chairman Jeffrey N. Roy Chairman Michael J. Barrett Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy State House, Room Boston MA 02133

RE: Submission of final Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I & II –225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00 to the Joint Committee

Dear Chairman Roy and Chairman Barrett:

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 final amendments to the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ("RPS") – Class I & II –225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00.

On June 30, 2021, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE) received the Department's phase 2 final amendments of RPS regulations. The Committee held a public hearing on the draft regulations on July 30, 2021 and accepted public comments. The Committee issued its report, as required by M.G.L. c. 25A § 12, to the Department on August 5, 2021.

I would like to thank you for diligence in reviewing the RPS regulations and for your and your staff's efforts. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 25A § 12, DOER will file the final regulations with the state secretary not earlier than thirty days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Woodcock