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Ms. Kelly,

I am responding to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) invitation for comments regarding future Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) requirements as possibly set forth in the SREC III program.

The residents of Mansfield (as with all municipally-owned electric distribution companies) have enjoyed the benefits of locally-owned and locally-controlled public electric utility service. Excellent rates and consistent delivery of reliable power are two of the most fundamental purposes for creating the utility in the first place. At its very core, the residents have a voice with a local body of representatives who fulfil the collective desires of the community in policy decisions, including 'how' and 'to what level' they invest in renewable resources. Mansfield takes a very pro-active approach in pursuing all cost-effective renewable resources that promote efficiency and environmental responsibility.

Any mandatory tariff requirement under the SREC III program which differentiates from the current structure would be counter-intuitive to subsidiarity of local controlled monies spent under the prudent guidance of local decision makers. Such initiatives are best accomplished when the municipal utility community and its customers are involved and motivated for its purpose.

While Mansfield Electric strongly opposes any tariff or mandated participation in the future RPS requirements, we would always be willing to discuss how these initiatives can be best developed and implemented. If I can clarify any point herein or be of any other assistance, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Sollecito, Esq.
Director of Mansfield Municipal Electric Department