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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Residential Electrical Generation Rebate Program – Suspend Acceptance of Applications

The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) is a special, non-lapsing fund the purpose of which is to support electrical and thermal renewable energy initiatives. By memoranda dated September 3, 2021 and November 1, 2021, the Department of Energy (Department) established and approved the program budget allocations for state fiscal year 2022 (FY22) (i.e., July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). Budget and program details of the REF are available in the NHPUC's online virtual file room for Docket No. DE 10-024 at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-024.html>.

This memorandum notifies stakeholders and applicants of suspension of the Department's acceptance of new project applications for the Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate Program (Program).

As directed by the Department on November 1, 2021, applications for the Program will no longer be accepted after the Program waitlist exceeds \$25,000. As of November 5, 2021, the Program received applications in excess of its funding allocation and the \$25,000 authorized waitlist amount.

Applicants will be notified as soon as possible as to their application status, and the Department will return to applicants all rebate applications that were received in excess of the authorized waitlist amount. Department staff will continue to monitor for expired step 1 Program applications. All applicants with expired step 1 applications will be notified by email and given 10 business days to submit a completed step 2 application or request an extension. If no action is taken by the applicant within 10 business days, the reserved funds will be "released" and made available to other applications in the queue.