

APPENDIX II-B

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT
REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FIS)

FIS Number _____ Rule Number Puc 2500

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| 1. Agency Name & Address: Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301 | 2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 362-F:13</u> 3. Federal Authority: _____ 4. Type of Action: Adoption _____ Amendment _____ Repeal _____ Readoption _____ Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u> |
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5. Short Title: **Puc 2500 - RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD**

6. Contact Person:

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Remember:

- (a) A copy of the proposed rule or an annotated copy of the amended rule must accompany this form. The annotated copy shall use [brackets] to indicate deleted material, and underlining for added material, or any other annotation style allowed in Section 5.4 in Chapter 4 of the Drafting and Procedure Manual for Administrative Rules.
- (b) If calculations are required in the preparation of this request, attach a worksheet showing the methodology.
- (c) This form may be replicated to expedite preparation.
- (d) A transmittal memo shall accompany a request for a fiscal impact statement, noting the number of requests being sent and short titles.
- (e) Please allow 10 working days from day of receipt for the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to complete the fiscal impact statement. Additional information about this form is in Section 2.3 in Chapter 3 of the Drafting and Procedure Manual for Administrative Rules.

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(f) Please provide the following information and attach additional sheets if necessary:

(1) Summarize the rule.

The rule adds "useful thermal energy" to the rules administering the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), RSA 362-F, makes other changes required by recent statutory changes, and otherwise updates the rules.

(2) Is the cost associated with this rule mandated by the rule or by state statute? If the cost is mandated by statute, then the rule itself may not have a cost or benefit associated with it. Please state either the statute or chapter law that is instigating this rule.

Any costs associated with this rule are mandated by statute, RSA 362-F. The rule administers the statute and does not add any costs itself.

(3) Compare the cost of the proposed rule with the cost of the existing rule, if there is an existing rule.

There are no costs to the state as a result of the proposed rule as compared to the existing rule.

(4) Describe the costs and benefits to the state general fund which would result from this rule.

Any civil penalties incurred as a result of violations to this rule would be applied to the State's general fund.

(5) Explain and cite the federal mandate for the proposed rule, if there is such a mandate. How would the mandate affect state funds?

There is no federal mandate for this proposed rule.

(6) Describe the cost and benefits to any state special fund which would result.

Part of the rule administers the Renewable Energy Fund, the nonlapsing special fund created by RSA 362-F:10. That part of the rule is being amended consistent with recent statutory changes.

(7) Describe the costs and benefits to the political subdivisions of the state.

This rule is neutral as applied to political subdivisions of this state.

(8) Describe the costs and benefits to the citizens of the state.

The rule causes no direct costs to the citizens of the state, although the statute that the rule implements, RSA 362-F, results in certain costs to those citizens who choose to participate in the RPS program. The

rule benefits the citizens of the state in that the rule implements the RPS program, which the Legislature stated provides many benefits. See RSA 362-F:1.

- (9) Describe the costs and benefits to any independently owned business, including a description of the specific reporting and recordkeeping requirements upon those employing fewer than 10 employees.

The rule does not impose any costs to independently owned businesses beyond what is imposed by the statute. Businesses that wish to engage in the RPS program must meet certain standards that are statutorily required and administered by the rule.