

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Intra-Department Communication

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**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DE 10-024, DE 10-212, DE 15-302, DE 16-614: Request to Reallocate Fiscal Year 2021 Program Budgets

**TO:** Dianne Martin, Chairwoman  
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**CC:** Juli Pelletier, Business Administrator

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The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) is a special, non-lapsing fund whose purpose is to support electrical and thermal renewable energy initiatives. By secretarial letter dated December 4, 2020, the Commission approved the program budget for state fiscal year 2021 (FY21) (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). Budget and program details of the REF are available in the Commission's online docket book for DE 10-024 at

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-024.html>.

This memorandum requests approval to amend certain program budgets based on current program demand and projected spending for the remainder of FY21.

### Program Status

Commission Staff (Staff) monitors REF programs and their respective budgets throughout the fiscal year. As of June 25, 2021, the Residential Bulk Fed Wood Pellet Boiler/Furnace Rebate and Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate program budget allocations are fully reserved with waitlisted applications. In contrast, the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Solar Rebate program has funding available. Table 1 below summarizes currently available funds and waitlists for each of these programs.

Table 1: Available and Waitlist Program Funds as of June 25, 2021

Program	Funds Available Or (Waitlist)
Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebates	(\$ 5,000.00)
Residential Bulk Fed Wood Pellet Boiler/Furnace Rebates	(\$ 822.00)
Commercial & Industrial Solar Rebates	\$ 68,002.60

Program Budget Reallocation Request

To eliminate program waitlists, Staff recommends reallocating a total of \$5,822 from the C&I Solar Rebate program to the Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebate and Residential Bulk Fed Wood Pellet Boiler/Furnace Rebate programs. Specific program budget adjustments are specified in Table 2.

Table 2. Recommended FY21 REF Program Budget Reallocations

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Adjusted FY21 Budget</b>
Residential Renewable Electrical Generation Rebates	\$ 847,803	\$ 5,000	\$ 852,803
Residential Wood Pellet Boiler/Furnace Rebates	\$ 376,465	\$ 822	\$ 377,287
C&I Solar Rebates	\$ 960,347	(\$5,822)	\$ 954,525

The recommended reallocation of funds would have minimal impact on the reasonable balancing of overall funds expended, allocated, or obligated between the residential and non-residential program sectors over the two-year period (see RSA 362-F:10, X). The recommended budget adjustments also meet other statutory allocation requirements.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the program budget reallocations that are specified in Table 2.

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