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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendations Re: Amendment of the Puc 2500 rules to cover Class I RPS eligibility for biodiesel facility production

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Effective July 19, 2016, the enactment of Senate Bill 386 requires the Commission to establish procedures for the metering, verification, and reporting of useful thermal energy output for producers of biodiesel no later than December 31, 2017. Amendments therefore will be required to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2500, the Commission's rules relative to the Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Staff has begun an internal review of the current rules along with the specific new statutory requirements for developing such rules amendments. In addition to requirements specific to the Class I RPS eligibility for biodiesel facility production, other changes to Puc 2500 may be considered through the rulemaking process, including, but not limited to, changes relative to the requirements for independent monitors and for RPS compliance reporting.

Staff requests that the Commission open a docket for this rulemaking initiative at this time. Additionally, Staff requests that the Commission schedule a technical session with interested stakeholders to consider and discuss the following issues specific to the inclusion of biodiesel production for RPS Class I eligibility:

- verification process for the sale of biodiesel into the NH thermal energy market,
- metering requirements,
- documentation requirements for end user efficiency rating (or assumptions if documentation is not practical),
- qualifications and role of the independent monitor(s),
- role of Department of Environmental Services (DES), and
- NEPOOL-GIS reporting requirements and procedures.

Additional technical sessions may be proposed in the future to consider these and other changes to the Puc 2500 RPS rules.

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