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SUBJECT: DE 10-024 and DE 10-212: Request to Reallocate FY16 C&I Solar Program Budgets

TO: Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
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The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) is a dedicated, non-lapsing fund whose purpose is to support electrical and thermal renewable energy initiatives. On August 6, 2015, the Commission released a preliminary program budget to spend \$6,940,199 in state fiscal year 2016 (FY16) (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016). On September 1, 2015, staff completed the reconciliation of carry-forward funds and alternative compliance payments (ACPs) for the 2014 RPS compliance year, increasing the funding available for programs by \$2,784,068 for a revised FY16 program budget of \$9,724,267, plus fiscal year 2015 carry-forward monies. Currently, staff is completing its final review of ACP payments received for the RPS 2015 compliance year (calendar year 2015 with payments due July 1, 2016). Budget and program details of the C&I Solar Program are available in the Commission's online docket book for DE 10-212 available at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-212.html>.

This memorandum requests approval to amend certain program budgets based on current program demand in advance of the final allocation of ACPs and determination of FY17 budgets. Staff monitors REF programs and their respective budgets throughout the fiscal year. The Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Solar Category 1 program budget is nearly fully reserved with an available unreserved balance of only \$46,000. The C&I Solar Category 2 program budget has approximately \$1.5 million unreserved. Staff recommends reallocating \$500,000 from the Category 2 program budget to the Category 1 program budget. This reallocation will eliminate the imminent need to start a Category 1 waitlist and will provide additional funds for applications not yet received. Table 1, below, summarizes the recommended budget reallocations and revised FY16 budget allocations for the C&I Solar programs. This recommended reallocation of funds would have no impact on the balance of funds allocated between the residential and non-residential program sectors (see RSA 362-F:10)

Table 1 – FY16 Renewable Energy Fund C&I Solar Pgm. Budget Reallocations

REF Program C&I Solar PV Program	Final FY16 Budget (approved January 29, 2016 and adjusted June 28, 2016)	Recommended Reallocation	Revised FY16 Budget Allocation
C&I Solar Category 1 (projects ≤ 100 kW _{AC})	\$ 4,477,801	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,977,801
C&I Solar Category 2 (projects > 100 and ≤ 500 kW _{AC})	\$ 3,386,067	(\$ 500,000)	\$ 2,886,067

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