

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

This bill contains information regarding the statewide average cost of compliance with New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard, or RPS, for 2017. The RPS statute, RSA 362-F, requires each electricity provider (including Unitil) to meet customer load by purchasing or acquiring certificates representing generation from renewable energy sources based on total megawatt-hours supplied. Under the RPS statute, electricity providers are required to generate or purchase renewable energy certificates from suppliers through the New England Power Pool Generation Information System. A renewable energy certificate represents 1 megawatt-hour of electricity produced from eligible renewable energy sources and may be sold separately from the associated electricity. If an electricity provider is not able to meet the RPS requirements by purchasing or acquiring renewable energy certificates, it must pay alternative compliance payments (ACPs), and the proceeds from the ACPs are then used to fund qualified renewable energy initiatives and projects. The 2017 statewide average cost of RPS compliance, as calculated by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, is \$0.0046 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Additional information on the RPS, including its benefits, may be found on the Public Utilities Commission's website at: puc.nh.gov/RPS

