

Amendment to HB 219-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to changes to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, I(a) to read as follows:

8 (a) Wind energy, **except that mandated by government procurements.**

9 2 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. RSA 362-F:4, I(h) is repealed and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 (h) Solar energy if the solar energy produces electricity.

12 3 Minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards. Amend RSA 362-F:3 to read as follows:

13 362-F:3 Minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards. For each year specified in the table  
14 below, each provider of electricity shall obtain and retire certificates sufficient in number and class  
15 type to meet or exceed the following percentages of total megawatt-hours of electricity supplied by  
16 the provider to its end-use customers that year, except to the extent that the provider makes  
17 payments to the renewable energy fund under RSA 362-F:10, II:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2025 and thereafter
18 Class I	0.0%	0.5%	1%	2%	3%	3.8%	5%	6%	15% (*)
19 <del>[Class II</del>	<del>0.0%</del>	<del>0.0%</del>	<del>0.04%</del>	<del>0.08%</del>	<del>0.15%</del>	<del>0.2%</del>	<del>0.3%</del>	<del>0.3%</del>	<del>0.7%</del>
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21 Class III	3.5%	4.5%	5.5%	6.5%	1.4%	1.5%	3.0%	8.0%	8.0%
22 Class IV	0.5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%

23 \*Class I increases an additional 0.9 percent per year from 2015 through 2025. A set percentage of  
24 the class I totals shall be satisfied annually by the acquisition of renewable energy certificates from  
25 qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy as defined in RSA 362-  
26 F:2, XV-a. The set percentage shall be 0.4 percent in 2014, 0.6 percent in 2015, 0.8 percent in 2016,  
27 and increased annually by 0.2 percent per year from 2017 through 2023, **and then reduce to 1.7**  
28 **percent beginning on August 1, 2025**, after which it shall remain unchanged. ~~[Class II shall~~  
29 ~~increase to 0.5 percent beginning in 2018, 0.6 percent beginning in 2019, and 0.7 percent beginning~~  
30 ~~in 2020, otherwise]~~ Classes ~~[H-IV]~~ **III and IV** shall remain at the same percentages from 2015  
31 through 2025 except as provided in RSA 362-F:4, V-VI.

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1           4 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, V to read as follows:

2           V. For good cause, and after notice and hearing, the department of energy may accelerate or  
3 delay by up to one year, any given year's incremental increase in class I ~~[or II]~~ renewable portfolio  
4 standards requirement under RSA 362-F:3.

5           5 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Definitions. Amend RSA 362-F:2, XV to read as  
6 follows:

7           XV. "Renewable energy source," "renewable source," or "source" means a class I, ~~[II]~~ III, or  
8 IV source of electricity or a class I source of useful thermal energy. An electrical generating facility,  
9 while selling its electrical output at long-term rates established before January 1, 2007, by orders of  
10 the commission under RSA 362-A:4, shall not be considered a renewable source.

11          6 Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:

12          I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall  
13 be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this  
14 section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget,  
15 the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the  
16 general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy  
17 rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state  
18 treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on  
19 investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made  
20 under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under  
21 paragraph II of this section ~~[, excluding class II moneys,]~~ shall be used by the department of energy  
22 to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and offshore wind initiatives,  
23 including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. ~~[Class II moneys~~  
24 ~~shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire.]~~ All initiatives  
25 supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed  
26 necessary. All fund moneys ~~[including those from class II]~~ may be used to administer this chapter,  
27 but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No  
28 new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal  
29 energy in class I production.

30          7 Renewable Energy Fund. RSA 362-F:10, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

31          III. Beginning June 30, 2025 these rates shall be fixed at the following levels:

32           (a) Class I - \$42, except for that portion of the class electric renewable portfolio  
33 standards to be met by qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy  
34 under RSA 362-F:3, which shall be \$30.

35           (b) Class III - \$42.

36           (c) Class IV - \$37.

37          8 Renewable Energy Certificates. Amend RSA 362-F:6, II-a to read as follows:

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1           II-a. The department of energy shall establish a methodology to estimate the total yearly  
2 production for customer-sited sources that are net metered under RSA 362-A:9 and for which class I  
3 [~~or II~~] certificates are not issued. For purposes of estimation, the department of energy shall use a  
4 capacity factor rating of 20 percent for each class I installation. [~~The department of energy shall~~  
5 ~~separately estimate class II output using a capacity factor rating equal to the annual PV Energy~~  
6 ~~Forecast issued by the Distributed Generation Working Group under ISO New England, or its~~  
7 ~~successor.] Providers of electricity required to obtain and retire certificates under RSA 362-F:3 shall  
8 receive an annual credit for such production according to its class. By February 28 of each year, the  
9 department of energy shall compute and make public credit percentages that are equal to the  
10 estimated production for the prior calendar year in each class divided by the total amount of  
11 electricity supplied by providers of electricity to end-use customers in the prior calendar year, with  
12 the result converted to a percentage. Each provider may then, at the time of its annual report filing  
13 under RSA 362-F:8, claim a class I [~~and a class II~~] certificate credit equal to the credit percentage  
14 times the total megawatt-hours of electricity supplied by the provider to its end-use customers the  
15 prior calendar year.~~

16           9 Repeal. The following are repealed:

17           I. RSA 362-F:4, I(h), relative to class II sources.

18           II. RSA 362-F:4, II, relative to class II renewable energy.

19           III. RSA 362-F:15, I, relative to class II increases.

20           10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.