

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-4632-INV

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Continuing issues related to the implementation of the Renewable Energy Standard	
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Order entered: 10/27/2017

**ORDER SETTING 2018 ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PAYMENT RATES**

On June 28, 2016, the Vermont Public Utility Commission<sup>1</sup> issued an Order in Docket 8550<sup>2</sup> implementing the Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) (“RES Implementation Order”). Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(4)(B) and Paragraph 16 of the RES Implementation Order, the Commission will update the applicable alternative compliance payment (“ACP”) rate for each category or tier of the RES annually based on changes in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (“CPI-U”) for the Northeast Region as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (“BLS”).

For the 12-month period ending in July, 2017, BLS indicates that the CPI-U for the Northeast rose 1.3 percent.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the ACP rates for the 2018 RES compliance year shall be as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 9 of Act 53 of the 2017 legislative session, the Vermont Public Service Board’s name was changed to the Vermont Public Utility Commission, effective July 1, 2017. For clarity, activities of the Vermont Public Service Board that occurred before the name change will be referred to in Commission documents as activities of the Commission unless that would be confusing in the specific context.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission is issuing this Order in a new case to take advantage of the Commission’s new electronic filing system, ePUC. The Commission plans to use this proceeding to address ongoing issues associated with the implementation of the Renewable Energy Standard program (“RES”). All members of the electronic service list used for the Docket 8550 proceeding have been provided notice of the opening of this proceeding. Any participant wishing to continue to receive information on this proceeding should subscribe to this case using ePUC. It is the Commission’s intent that this proceeding be limited to program implementation issues; other matters related to RES, including, for example, distribution utility compliance filings or the qualification of individual electric generators, will occur in separate cases specific to that purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Neither the applicable statutes nor the RES Implementation Order prescribe a specific methodology to adjust the ACP rates for inflation. We have adopted this approach using the most recent period of annual data expected to be available at the time the Commission plans to issue annual updates. Any comments or concerns with the methodology adopted by the Commission for this adjustment should be filed as a motion for reconsideration of this Order.




<b>Category or Tier</b>	<b>\$/kWh</b>	<b>\$/MWh<sup>4</sup></b>
Total renewable energy (Tier I)	0.01013	10.13
Distributed renewable generation (Tier II)	0.06078	60.78
Energy transformation (Tier III)	0.06078	60.78

**SO ORDERED.**

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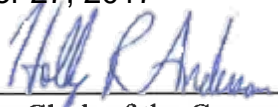
<sup>4</sup> 30 V.S.A. § 8005 states ACP rates in \$/kWh. However, because renewable energy certificates and other RES-related transactions are often tracked in MWh, we have also listed the equivalent price in MWh.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 27th day of October, 2017.

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 _____ Sarah Hofmann	) OF VERMONT ) )

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.*

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