

Amendment to SB 129

Amend the bill by replacing sections 6 and 7 with the following:

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

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

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

\*Class I increases an additional 0.9 percent per year from 2015 through 2025. A set percentage of the class I totals shall be satisfied annually by the acquisition of renewable energy certificates from qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XV-a. The set percentage shall be 0.4 percent in 2014, 0.6 percent in 2015, [1.3] **0.8** percent in 2016, and increased annually by [0.1] **0.2** percent per year from 2017 through 2023, after which it shall remain unchanged. **Class II shall increase to 0.5 percent beginning in 2018, 0.6 percent beginning in 2019, and 0.7 percent beginning in 2020, otherwise** classes II-IV shall remain at the same percentages from 2015 through 2025 except as provided in RSA 362-F:4, V-VI.

7 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph V, a group host shall be paid for its surplus generation at the end of each billing cycle at rates consistent with the credit the group host receives relative to its own net metering under either subparagraph IV(a) or (b) or alternative tariffs that may be applicable pursuant to paragraph XVI. **Each group member of a group host for a low-moderate income community solar project, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a, may receive credits on the customer electric bill for each member and the host, provided that there shall be only one new project under this paragraph in each utility's service territory by December 31, 2019 with such projects available on a first-come, first serve basis. The**

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1 *commission shall report on the costs and benefits of such projects on or before December*  
2 *31, 2019.* On an annual basis, the electric distribution utility shall calculate a payment adjustment  
3 if the host's surplus generation for which it was paid is greater than the group's total electricity  
4 usage during the same time period. The adjustment shall be such that the resulting compensation  
5 to the host for the amount that exceeded the group's total usage shall be at the utility's avoided cost  
6 or its default service rate in accordance with subparagraph V(b) or paragraph VI or alternative  
7 tariffs that may be applicable pursuant to paragraph XVI. The utility shall pay or bill the host  
8 accordingly.

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10 Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following and renumbering the original section 11 to  
11 read as 12.

12 11 New Section; Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Exemption Period for Certain  
13 Electrical Supply Contracts. Amend RSA 362-F by inserting after section 14 the following new  
14 section:

15 362-F:15 Exemption Period for Certain Electrical Supply Contracts.

16 I. The increases in the annual purchase percentages in RSA 362-F:3 applicable to class II  
17 for 2018 and thereafter as compared to the class II annual purchase percentages in effect as of  
18 January 1, 2017, shall not apply to the megawatts-hours delivered during the contract term under  
19 any electrical power supply contract entered into before the effective date of this section, provided  
20 that the contract term in effect before such effective date has not been extended or otherwise  
21 increased after that date.

22 II. The change in the class III methane gas eligibility requirements in RSA 362-F:4, III(b)  
23 as compared to the class III methane gas eligibility requirements in effect as of January 1, 2017  
24 shall not apply to class III methane gas certificates:

25 (a) Acquired pursuant to a contract entered into before the effective date of this section  
26 for the contract term, provided that the contract term in effect before such effective date has not  
27 been extended or otherwise increased after that date; or

28 (b) That are 2017 calendar year certificates issued before the first day of the first month  
29 of the calendar quarter following such effective date.

30 III. Providers shall inform the commission by July 1 of each year, through July 1, 2020, of  
31 all such exempted contracts, including but not limited to, the execution date and expiration date of  
32 the contract, the basis for exemption under this section, and if applicable, the annual megawatt-  
33 hours supplied and exempted, or the annual amount of exempted methane gas certificates and the  
34 basis for exemption. All such information filed with the commission shall be exempt from the  
35 provisions of RSA 91-A:5, IV.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires a portion of the funds in the renewable energy fund to benefit low-moderate income residential customers.

II. Makes changes to renewable energy classes.

III. Raises the class rate for biomass.

IV. Eliminates the generation capacity requirement for incentive payments from the renewable energy fund.

V. Provides a period of exemption from increases in annual purchase percentages under the minimum electric renewable portfolio standard for certain electrical supply contracts.