

Dear Micki,

Thank you for agreeing to extend the deadline for comment until mid-September. I will do my best to prepare comments in the permitted time.

In general, ratepayers in the New England region are rightfully apprehensive when our State governors unite on a plan that will result in long-term power purchase agreements reminiscent of the 1980's-style PURPA contracts. By locking in the price for RECs, energy and capacity combined, such contracts eliminate competitive market forces -- forces that are necessary to ensure ratepayers receive the best product for the least cost. There is also significant concern that state-sponsored contracts will benefit self-selected new renewables while disadvantaging existing projects and other RPS-eligible resources. I will elaborate further in my comments.

Thank you again for the extension.

Respectfully,  
--Lisa Linowes  
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