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RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD

Adjustment of the
Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) Rate
For Compliance Year 2010

January 26, 2010

Pursuant to Chapter 311 §3(A), Competitive Electricity Providers (CEP's) must meet portfolio requirements for new renewable resources beginning January 1, 2008. Chapter 311 §3(C) establishes an Alternative Compliance Payment Rate to be used as an alternative to meeting the new renewable resource requirements.

Chapter 311 §3(C)(2) states that the alternative compliance base rate shall be \$57.12 per megawatt-hour. Beginning in 2008, the Commission will adjust the alternative compliance payment rate by the annual change in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. For each year, the Commission will calculate and publish the alternative compliance payment rate no later than January 31 for applicability in that year.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI)¹ for 2009 is 229.343 up from 229.306 in 2008, an increase of 0.016%². Accordingly, the ACP Rate for Compliance Year 2010 has been determined to be **\$60.93 per MWh**³.

Year	CPI	ACP Rate
2007	220.512	\$57.12
2008	229.306	\$58.58
2009	229.343	\$60.92
2010		\$60.93

¹ For this purpose, the MPUC is using the "Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted." Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu>.

² Calculated: $(229.343/229.306) - 1 = 0.016\%$

³ Calculated: $\$60.92 \times 1.000016 = \60.93