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House Bill 6603: AAC THE CLASS III RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

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TESTIMONY OF CHAIRMAN DONALD W. DOWNES

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) would like to comment on House Bill No. 6603. House Bill No. 6603 would direct one hundred percent of the financial value of any Class III credits to residential customers who implement energy conservation and load management (C&LM) projects without tapping into the existing C&LM fund.

The Department agrees with the underlying principle that residential customers be the primary recipients of any of the financial credits associated with undertaking the entire cost of implementing an energy conservation and load management projects. Since such projects are intended to produce not only their own energy savings but would also reduce energy costs to the State, credits derived from such activity should flow back to the appropriate recipient. However, the Department notes for the record, this benefit would translate to only a small number of recipients who demonstrate sufficient knowledge about becoming an active participant in the energy market. This would entail an understanding of measurement and verification procedures to demonstrate load curtailment as well as knowledge of ISO-New England markets and the ISO-New England GIS system.

Therefore, while the Department supports the intent of this proposed bill it opines that this bill, if it were to pass is misleading in the narrow class of consumers it will benefit given the significant hurdles required to overcome for the average energy ratepayer.