

**Commission to Study the Economic, Environmental and
Energy Benefits of the Maine Biomass Industry**
Presenter suggestions from Aug 2 meeting

I. Amend Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standards

A. Update Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) by creating a thermal class (like MA and NH) to incentivize increased biomass use for thermal.

- Professional Logging Contractors (PLC) of Maine
- Maine Pellet Fuels Association (emphasized most important recommendation)
- ReEnergy
- Innovative Natural Resources
- Carlson Small Power Consultants

B. Extend RPS targets beyond 2017

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- Maine Pellet Fuels Association
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II. Create a biomass energy policy that fits within the State's comprehensive energy plan; Maine's biomass power industry could be an integral part of Maine's federal Clean Power Plan (CPP) compliance, particularly in subsequent rounds.

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III. Enable/encourage co-location

A. Enable co-located systems that need to cross public rights-of-way

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B. Encourage net metering/microgrids and distributed generation (will lower T&D costs and incentivize manufacturing growth).

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IV. Encourage combined heat and power (CHP) system investments.

A. Create incentives for district heating; encourage development of smaller CHP applications connected to public and private institutions and wood manufacturers.

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- ReEnergy
- Maine Forest Products Council

- Small Woodland Owners of Maine

B. Encourage thermal/CHP

- NRCM

V. Promote local wood – similar to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry “Get Real Get Maine” campaign; support “Heat Local” campaign among Maine residents.

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VI. Get State Wood Energy Assistance Team operating: \$380K USDA funds (total) available for Wood Energy Assistance Team and a program titled “Strengthening and Expanding Maine Wood Markets”; obtain Maine Forest Service/Governor’s Office sign-off on USDA Wood Innovation Grants (Approved 5/13/16).

- Maine Pellet Fuels Association
- Innovative Natural Resources

VII. Look Beyond Combustion for Biomass – Alternative uses for biomass

- Green Church
- American Lung Association