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Adjustment of the  
Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) Rate  
For Compliance Year 2019

January 31, 2019

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)<sup>1</sup> for 2018 is 265.139 up from 259.238 in 2017, an increase of 1.02276%<sup>2</sup>. Accordingly, the ACP Rate for Compliance Year 2019 has been determined to be **\$70.44 per MWh**<sup>3</sup>.

Year	CPI	ACP Rate
2007	220.512	\$57.12
2008	229.306	\$58.58
2009	229.343	\$60.92
2010	233.868	\$60.93
2011	240.997	\$62.13
2012	245.698	\$64.03
2013	249.038	\$65.28
2014	252.463	\$66.16
2015	252.185	\$67.07
2016	254.85	\$67.00
2017	259.238	\$67.71
2018	265.139	\$68.87
2019		\$70.44

<sup>1</sup> 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> .

<sup>2</sup> Calculated: (265.139/259.238) – 1 = (1.02276%)

<sup>3</sup> Calculated: \$68.87 x 1.02276 = \$70.44