



CLEAN AIR  
TASK FORCE

## RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

# New Jersey



### Policy type

Renewable Portfolio Standard

### Form of the standard

Energy-based

% of renewable energy required

### Eligible sources

Biogas

Biomass

Clean Hydrogen

Distributed  
Generation

Geothermal

Hydropower

Solar

Waste-to-  
Energy

Wave/Tidal

Wind

### Targets

- **Interim:** Gradually increasing targets for each year, starting in 2018
- **Final:** 52.5% by 2030 (50% for Class I, 2.5% for Class II)
- **CES (aspirational):** 100% clean energy by 2035

**Economy-wide goal:** 50% emissions reductions from 2006 levels by 2030 and 80% by 2050

**Point of regulation:** Retail sales

**Regulated entities:** Public utilities, investor-owned utilities, retail suppliers

**Percent of retail sales covered by RPS:** 99%

**Implementing agency:** New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

**Enforcement mechanisms:** Penalties for noncompliance with reporting requirements. Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) and Solar Alternative Compliance Payments (SACP) shall be higher than the cost to comply with or buy RECS.

**Compliance flexibility and cost containment:** ACPs of \$50 per MWh; SACP of \$218 in 2023 per MWh (decreases by \$10 each year until 2033)

**Carve-outs and incentives:** 2.5% carve-out for Class II resources, which includes hydropower that is greater than 3 MW but less than 30 MW, and resource recovery facilities (or waste-to-energy). Solar carve-out, 5.1% for 2020 compliance year and decreasing annually to 1.1% in 2032. Offshore wind carve-out of 3200 MW (no timeline provided).

**Compliance tracking:** [PJM-GATS](#)

**Notable features:** No timeline has been defined for the offshore wind target due to the “unique nature” of the technology. The standard for any given year is based on projected energy produced from operating eligible offshore wind facilities.

**Links to agency website and statutes/rules:** [N.J. Admin. Code § 14:8-2.3](#); [New Jersey's Clean Energy Program](#); [Retail Electricity Sales](#); [EPA's REC Tracking Systems](#)

See [N.J.A.C. § 14:8-2.5\(b\)](#) for definitions of Class I resources. See [§ 14:8-2.6](#) for Class II resources. See [§ 14:8-2.4\(c\)](#) for distributed generation; [§ 14:8-6.2](#) for offshore wind (RPS); [§ 14:8-1.2](#) and [§ 14:8-2.6\(b\)](#) for hydropower. Certain limits may apply.