

STRENGTHENING THE MASSACHUSETTS RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

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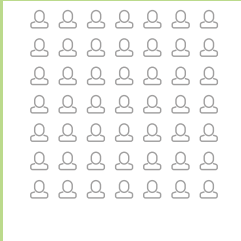
BASE CASE
Status quo

**2.0% MA
1.5% CT**
RPS increase

**3.0% MA
1.5% CT**
RPS increase

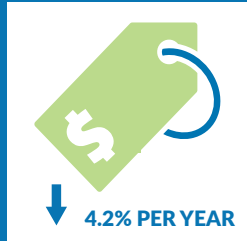
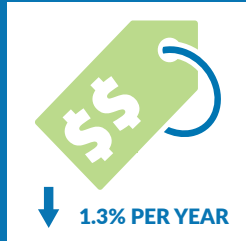
Creates Jobs

An increase in the RPS creates jobs across the entire regional economy that can be attributed to renewable energy development.¹



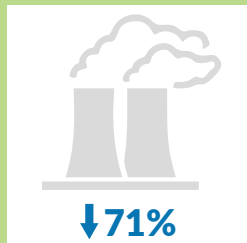
Lowers Wholesale Electricity Prices

This protects customers from price volatility associated with the region's reliance on natural gas. The highest case scenario could provide up to \$2.1 billion in total savings.²



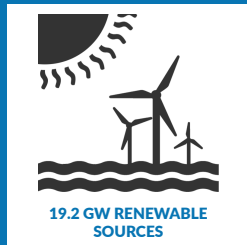
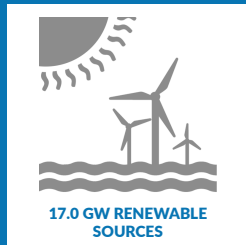
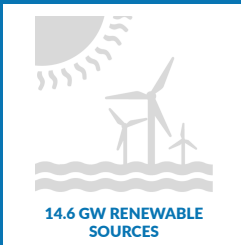
Reduces Emissions

Additional renewable sources put the region on track to achieving emission reduction goals, with up to a 71% reduction of emissions within the electric sector by 2030.³



Diversifies Energy Sources

A diverse energy supply lessens New England's dependence on natural gas for generating electricity. This helps to stabilize prices and meet our clean energy and climate goals.



¹ Job impact analysis quantifies jobs as "job-years". One job-year is equivalent to one full-time job that lasts for one year.

² The Base Case reflects wholesale market price impacts over the period of 2016 to 2030. The 2% and 3% scenarios reflect price impacts over the period of 2025 to 2030.

³ Emission reductions are relative to 1990 levels.