

From: [Matthew Fotouhi](#)
To: [PSD - RE Programs](#)
Subject: Increase Local Renewable Energy In Vermont
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:10:51 AM

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

To truly and honestly create an energy-independent and cleaner Vermont, we must strive for a more ambitious goal of 100% renewable by 2030 with 20% of our energy consumption qualified as Tier 2 renewables.

Vermont should be prioritizing local renewables, like solar. Currently, the goal for developing this kind of quality of energy (dubbed Tier 2) is only at 10%. We say: raise it to 20%

Vermont utilities are selling high-quality Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from local solar and replacing them with low-cost RECs from Hydro Quebec. This practice is inherently deceptive and directly devalues solar energy produced right here in Vermont. It is a shell game that bargains away our state's energy independence and swaps out local, clean solar for problematic hydropower.

Adopting a more ambitious renewable energy goal would not only ensure that Vermont is doing our part to combat the climate crisis, but it will also spur local economic development and create family-sustaining jobs across the state.

Matthew Fotouhi

Charlotte, VT 05445