

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 8: UTILITIES**

**§ 8565. Governmental Support of Private Sector Efforts.**

The regulator and the government-owned utility shall facilitate the private sector's development of renewable energy projects by supporting the private sector's attainment of renewable portfolio standards.

(a) The Departments of Land and Natural Resources and Public Lands and the Zoning Board shall:

(1) Develop and publish in hard copy or electronically a catalog by December 31, 2006, and every two years thereafter, of potential sites for the development of renewable energy; and

(2) Work with the electric utilities and other renewable energy developers on all applicable planning and permitting processes to expedite the development of renewable energy resources.

(b) The Department of Commerce and the Department of Public Works shall:

(1) Develop a program to maximize the use of renewable energy and cost-effective conservation measures by Commonwealth government agencies, including but not limited to each Department, the CPA, the Public School System and Northern Marianas College;

(2) Work with federal agencies to develop as much research, development and demonstration funding, and technical assistance as possible to support the Commonwealth in its efforts to achieve the renewable portfolio standards.

**Source:** PL 15-23, § 2(8665); amended by PL 15-87 § 2(8665).