November: Colorado is the first state to pass RPS by ballot initiative. After the legislature blocks it three times, supporters gather 100,000 signatures for the RPS, Iowa, the first state to pass an and get the initiative on the ballot. It passes. North Carolina is the twenty-fourth RPS-type policy, requires state to pass an RPS, and the first in December: To many environmentalists' dismay, a state utilities to develop 105 the Southeast (a region skeptics say includes fossil fuels in its RPS. Pennsylvania has a twomegawatts of renewable energy lacks the capacity to meet a federal tiered system: one for renewables, and one for energy capacity by 1999. RPS standard). from dirtier sources like burning coal waste. 1983 2004 2007 1999 2006 California moves up the deadline on its Texas mandates an RES and an energy efficiency requirement. The state also enacts ambitious RPS, which calls for 20 percent renewables, from 2020 to 2010. a tradable credit system, where renewable electricity credits can be bought and sold. Though Massachusetts is the first state to launch this type of trading system (in 1997), Texas is the first to implement it.