

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 08-147 Industrial Power Services Corporation's Application for
Class III Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F
Staff Recommendation

TO: Chairman Thomas B. Getz
Commissioner Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

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Summary

On November 19, 2008, Industrial Power Services Corporation submitted an application requesting the Commission grant approval of its Granby landfill methane gas facility (Granby facility) to produce Class III Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, III, Class III eligibility requires a facility to have begun the production of electricity prior to January 1, 2006 using either eligible biomass technologies having a gross nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts or less or methane gas.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, the Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, must issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of a completed application. The Granby facility is a landfill methane gas facility that began commercial operation on October 16, 2001. The facility meets the Class III eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, III and the applicant has complied with the N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500 and has provided all the necessary information. Based on its review of the application, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Granby facility as eligible for Class III RECs.

Analysis

The Granby facility is located at 11 New Ludlow Road, Granby, Massachusetts. The facility's initial commercial operation date was October 16, 2001. It has a gross nameplate capacity of 3.2 megawatts and its NEPOOL GIS facility code is MSS 1572.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (8), the applicant must submit proof that it has "an approved interconnection study on file with the commission, is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study." On February 12, 2009, the applicant submitted a copy of its interconnection agreement with Massachusetts Electric Company titled "Interconnection Service for Qualifying Facilities and On-Site Generating Facilities General Terms and Conditions" dated October 1, 2000. Staff verified with National Grid, the parent company of Massachusetts Electric Company, that the interconnection agreement does exist.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (11), the applicant shall include a statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction's renewable portfolio standards and proof thereof. The applicant stated and Staff verified that the facility has been certified under the Massachusetts and Maine renewable portfolio standard programs.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed Industrial Power Services Corporation's application for the Granby facility and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Granby facility as being eligible for Class III RECs effective February 12, 2009, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class III renewable energy source.