

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 08-165 Soltage's Application for Class II 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 December 23, 2008, Soltage MGTCO 1, LLC (Soltage) submitted an application requesting the Commission grant approval of the Pilgrim Furniture City solar photovoltaic facility (Pilgrim Furniture City facility) to produce Class II Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, Class II eligibility requires that a facility provide electricity from solar technologies and that it begins operation after January 1, 2006.

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 Pilgrim Furniture City facility is a solar photovoltaic facility that began commercial operation on September 24, 2008. The facility meets the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II 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 Pilgrim Furniture City solar photovoltaic facility as eligible for Class II RECs.

Analysis

The Pilgrim Furniture facility is located at 1755 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut. The project's commercial operation date was September 24, 2008. It has a gross nameplate capacity of 0.325 megawatts. The facility's NEPOOL GIS facility code is 32699 and its ISO-NE asset identification number is NON 32699.

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." The applicant submitted Pilgrim Furniture City's "Standard Fast Track and Study Process Generator Interconnection Agreement" with United Illuminating Company dated July 30, 2008.

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 is certified as a Class I REC generator in the state of Connecticut.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the Soltage application for the Pilgrim Furniture City solar photovoltaic facility and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Pilgrim Furniture City solar photovoltaic facility as being eligible for Class II RECs effective December 23, 2008, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source.