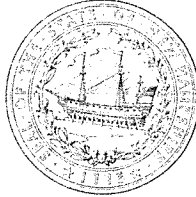


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October 26, 2012

Lori Barg
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Re: **DE 12-278**, Contoocook Hydro, LLC's Eligibility Request for the Hopkinton Hydro Project to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012

Dear Ms. Barg:

On September 20, 2012, Contoocook Hydro, LLC (Contoocook Hydro) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Hopkinton Hydro Project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Hopkinton Hydro Project application was completed on September 20, 2012, in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Chapter 272, Laws of 2012, existing small hydroelectric facilities with a total nameplate capacity of one megawatt (MW) or less are eligible for Class IV RECs if they are in compliance with applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) fish passage restoration requirements, and are interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New Hampshire. The Hopkinton Hydro Project is located on the Contoocook River, in Contoocook, NH.

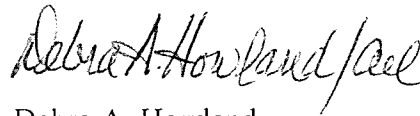
Contoocook Hydro provided FERC approvals for the Hopkinton Hydro Project under project number (5735-001) as well as a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The start date for commercial operation was December 01, 1984; the nameplate capacity is .250 megawatts of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Contoocook Hydro – Hopkinton Hydro Project application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby

certifies the Hopkinton Hydro Project as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective September 20, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 919. Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Hopkinton Hydro Project is NH-IV-12-062.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

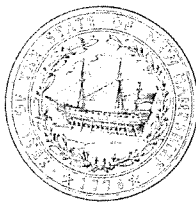
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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-12-062

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Contoocook Hydro, LLC (Contoocook Hydro) – Hopkinton Hydro Project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective September 20, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. Accordingly, the Hopkinton Hydro Project is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

The Hopkinton Hydro Project is located on the Contoocook River, in Contoocook, NH, and has a nameplate capacity of .250 megawatts of electricity. The project began commercial operation December 01, 1984. Contoocook Hydro has provided evidence that the Hopkinton Hydro Project operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 5735-001) and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 919. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Lori Brag, President, Contoocook Hydro, LLC

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