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February 5, 2013

Stephen Hirsh Solar Farm Bank P.O. Box 24 Medway, MA 02053

Re: DE 12-343, Solar Farm Bank, LLC's Requests Including:

- Class II Eligibility for the Photovoltaic Array at Applecrest Farm Orchards, LLC, 133 Exeter Road, Hampton, NH Pursuant to RSA 362-F; and,
- Approval and Registration as an Aggregator of New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506

Dear Mr. Hirsh:

On November 28, 2012, Solar Farm Bank, LLC submitted an application for the certification of the electrical production from the .042 megawatt (MW) Applecrest Farm Orchards, LLC (Applecrest Farm Orchards) photovoltaic (PV) array located at 133 Exeter Road, Hampton, for Class II renewable energy certificates (RECs), pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law. In addition, Solar Farm Bank requested to be approved and registered by the Commission as an aggregator of RECs, pursuant to Puc 2506.01.

Staff requested additional information from Solar Farm Bank on December 18, 2012. The Commission received information to complete the application on January 08, 2013. Staff has determined the application is now complete in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. The application and all submitted information have been reviewed and staff recommends approval effective January 08, 2013 for both Solar Farm Bank's requests.

Class II eligibility requires a facility to produce electricity from solar technologies and to have initiated operation after January 1, 2006. The application indicates that the Applecrest Farm Orchards array began operation on September 28, 2012. The total nameplate capacity of the PV array at Applecrest Farm Orchards is .042 MW; the facility's New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Generation Information System facility code is NON 35889.

Applecrest Farm Orchards is a customer-sited photovoltaic facility and its output is not recorded in the NEPOOL Market Settlement System. Pursuant to 2501.13, the facility must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor in order to earn RECs. The application states that Paul Button will serve as the facility's independent monitor consistent with Puc 2505.08(b)(5).

Staff has determined that all necessary information has been provided to demonstrate the Applecrest Farm Orchards PV array's eligibility for certification to produce New Hampshire Class II RECs. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission hereby certifies the Applecrest Farm Orchards PV array as a Class II renewable energy source effective January 08, 2013. The New Hampshire single certification code for the Applecrest Farm Orchards PV array is NH-II-13-009.

Regarding Solar Farm Bank's request to be registered as an aggregator of RECs in New Hampshire, pursuant to Puc 2506.01 (a), a person not otherwise qualified to obtain certificates as a provider of electricity may purchase, combine, and re-sell whole or fractional certificates issued to customer-sited sources¹ by registering as an aggregator. Staff has reviewed Solar Farm Bank's request and believes it meets the requirements set forth in Puc 2506.01 for registration as an aggregator of customer-sited sources for applicable NH RECs.

At this time, Applecrest Farm Orchards is the only facility that Solar Farm Bank has submitted for REC eligibility. Solar Farm Bank intends to add additional facilities in the near future.

Staff has reviewed the Solar Farm Bank request to be registered as an aggregator for RECs generated from customer-sited sources and can affirm it is complete pursuant to Puc 2506. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission hereby approves and registers Solar Farm Bank as an aggregator of customer-sited RECs effective January 08, 2013. The New Hampshire certification code for Solar Farm Bank to act as an aggregator of RECs is NH-II-13-010.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

¹ Pursuant to RSA 362-F:2, V, and Puc 2502.13 "Customer-sited source" means a source that is interconnected on the end-use customer's side of the retail electricity meter in such a manner that it displaces all or part of the metered consumption of the end-use customer.

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James Webb Registry Administrator APX Environmental Markets 224 Airport Parkway, Suite 600 San Jose, CA 95110

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 New Hampshire Certification Code NH-II-13-009 and,
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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-II-13-010

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that, pursuant to RSA 362-F, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Applecrest Farm Orchards LLC (Applecrest Farm Orchards) photovoltaic (PV) array at 133 Exeter Road, Hampton, NH 03844 as a Class II renewable energy source effective January 08, 2013. (The application for REC eligibility was submitted by Solar Farm Bank LLC, PO Box 24, Medway, MA 02053.) Accordingly, the Applecrest Farm Orchards PV facility is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class II renewable energy certificates.

The Applecrest Farm Orchards PV array has a total nameplate capacity of .042 megawatts. Paul Button will serve as the facility's independent monitor, consistent with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2505.08(b)(5). The applicant's NEPOOL GIS facility code is NON 35889. The facility's New Hampshire certification code is NH-II-13-009.

In addition, Solar Farm Bank requested to be approved and registered by the Commission as an aggregator of RECs. Please be advised that, pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has approved the registration of Solar Farm Bank as an aggregator of customer-sited sources effective January 08, 2013. At this time, Applecrest Farm Orchards is the only facility that Solar Farm Bank has

submitted for REC eligibility. Solar Farm Bank intends to aggregate RECs from additional facilities in the near future. Solar Farm Bank's New Hampshire certification code to act as an aggregator of New Hampshire RECs is NH-II-13-010.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

cc: Stephen Hirsh, Solar Farm Bank

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