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April 4, 2014

Ebenezer Punderson, Esq. Brennan Punderson, PLLC The Marbleworks 99 Maple Street, Suite 10B Middlebury, VT 05753

Re: DE 14-053, Brian Hill – Four Hills Farm Partnership Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility

Dear Mr. Punderson:

On February 26, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by Brennan Punderson, PLLC on behalf of Brian Hill – Four Hills Farm Partnership (Four Hills Farm), requesting Class I certification for its 0.450 megawatt (MW) animal waste-derived, methanefueled electrical generating anaerobic digester (AD), pursuant to RSA 362-F:4. New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed the Four Hills Farm certification request for the AD and has determined that the project meets the eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, I(e) as a Class I facility, and complies with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Staff has recommended Commission approval for the Four Hills Farm AD project as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of February 26, 2014.

The Four Hills Farm AD project is located at 722 Burpee Road, Bristol, Vermont, and is owned and operated by Four Hills Farm Partnership. The AD project began operation on September 9, 2012.<sup>1</sup> A State of Vermont Public Service Board Certificate of Public Good Issued Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248 and other documentation provided assurance that the Four Hills Farm AD project is permitted in the State of Vermont. A copy of the Generation Interconnection Agreement between Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Four Hills Farm dated April 30, 2012 was provided.

The applicant also confirmed that the Four Hills Farm AD project is not a "customersited source", defined in RSA 362-F:2, V as "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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I, Class I sources must have begun operation after January 1, 2006.

metered consumption of the end-use customer." Pursuant to Puc 2505.01(f), customer-sited sources located outside of New Hampshire are not eligible for New Hampshire RECs. In addition, the application clarified that the electric energy output of the Four Hills Farm AD project is not verified by ISO-New England, but instead is verified and reported to NEPOOL-GIS by Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO), a certified third party meter reader. The Four Hills Farm AD project is registered as NON 37210 in the NEPOOL-GIS system, and the facility is certified as a Class I Renewable Energy Source in Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-1(a)(26).

The Commission has reviewed the Four Hills Farm application and has determined that all necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that the AD generation project meets all of the requirements of Puc 2505.02 and is eligible for certification as a New Hampshire Class I facility. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies the Four Hills Farm AD project as a Class I renewable energy source, eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I Renewable Energy Certificates, effective as of February 26, 2014.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the NEPOOL-GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for Four Hills Farm is NH-I-14-033.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Brian Hill

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

Re: DE 14-053, Brian Hill – Four Hills Farm Partnership Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility New Hampshire Certification Code NH-I-14-033

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Four Hills Farm Partnership (Four Hills Farm) 0.450 megawatt (MW) methane-fueled electrical generating anaerobic digester (AD) project as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of February 26, 2014, pursuant to N.H. RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Four Hills Farm is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I RECs as of such date.

The Four Hills Farm AD project is located at 722 Burpee Road, Bristol, Vermont, and is owned and operated by Four Hills Farm Partnership. The AD project began operation on September 9, 2012. A State of Vermont Public Service Board Certificate of Public Good Issued Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248 provided assurance that the Four Hills Farm AD project is permitted in the State of Vermont.

A copy of the Generation Interconnection Agreement between Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Four Hills Farm dated April 30, 2012 was provided. The NEPOOL-GIS facility code for the Four Hills Farm AD project has been verified as NON 37210. The electric energy output of the facility will be reported to NEPOOL-GIS by Vermont Electric Power Company, a certified third party meter reader. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-I-14-033.

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Ebenezer Punderson, Esq.

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