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August 28, 2014

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

Re: DE 14-189, Riverview Farm, Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility

Dear Mr. Punderson:

On July 16, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by Brennan Punderson, PLLC (Brennan Punderson), on behalf of Michael and Denna Benjamin (Benjamins) of Riverview Farm. Brennan Punderson is requesting Class I certification for the Riverview Farm's 0.189 megawatt (MW) animal waste-derived, methane-fueled electrical generating anaerobic digester (AD). Staff has reviewed the Riverview 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 recommends that the Commission approve the Riverview Farm AD project as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of July 16, 2014.

The Riverview Farm AD project is located at 4420 Lake Road, Franklin, Vermont, and is owned and operated by the Benjamins. The AD project began commercial operation on December 27, 2013.<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 Riverview Farm AD project is permitted in the State of Vermont. The application also included a copy of a generation interconnection agreement between Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Riverview Farm dated December 3, 2013.

The applicant confirmed that the Riverview Farm AD project is not a "customer-sited 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 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 Riverview Farm AD project is not verified by ISO New England, but instead is verified and reported to NEPOOL-GIS

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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.

by Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO), a certified third party meter reader. The Riverview Farm AD project is registered as NON 42525 in the NEPOOL-GIS system.

The Commission has reviewed the Riverview 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. Accordingly, the Commission hereby certifies the Riverview Farm AD generation project as a Class I renewable energy source, eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I Renewable Energy Certificates, effective as of July 16, 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 Riverview Farm is NH-I-14-084.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Michael and Denna Benjamin, Riverview Farm

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

# Re: DE 14-189, Riverview Farm, Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility New Hampshire Certification Code NH-I-14-084

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Riverview Farm 0.189 megawatt (MW) animal waste-derived, methane-fueled electrical generating anaerobic digester (AD) project as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of July 16, 2014, pursuant to N.H. RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Riverview Farm is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I RECs as of such date.

The Riverview Farm AD project is located at 4420 Lake Road, Franklin, Vermont, and is owned and operated by Michael and Denna Benjamin. The AD project began commercial operation on December 27, 2013. A State of Vermont Public Service Board Certificate of Public Good Issued Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248 provided assurance that the Riverview Farm AD project is permitted in the State of Vermont.

A copy of a generation interconnection agreement between Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Riverview Farm dated December 3, 2013 was also provided with the application. The NEPOOL-GIS facility code for the Riverview Farm AD project has been verified as NON 42525. The electric energy output of the facility will be reported to NEPOOL-GIS by Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., a certified third party meter reader. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the facility is NH-I-14-084.

Sincerely,

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