# Squam River Hydro LLC & Squam River Power LLC

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Ms. Barbara Bernstein NHPUC 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Dear Ms. Bernstein;

Re: REC 15-293 Squam River Hydro LLC GIS NON53476 (6 Mill St Ashland)

and REC 15-294 Squam River Power LLC GIS NON53477 (22 Main St Ashland)

Please note I have obtained GIS facility codes for the generators at each location as noted above.

Both facilities were originally put in service in the 1880's before the creation of FERC by the LW Packard Woolen Mill and are exempt from all FERC licensing and exemption requirements.

# Squam River Hydro LLC

This entity acquired a portion of the former L W Packard Woolen Mill and all of the hydro facilities located at 6 - 14 Mill St. Ashland, NH.

The generator is a Rodney Hunt Hi Test 105 33" vertical unit with a Westinghouse 240 volt 400rpm 3 phase generator, a direct connected exciter and a Woodward mechanical governor. The dam on the Squam river 10.03 is located under the mill at 6 Mill St and has a 12ft head and together with the penstock the dam provides a total of 32 feet of head to the generator located at 14 Mill St.

# Squam River Power LLC

This entity acquired the shed, gate house and all of the hydro facilities located at 22 Main St. Ashland, NH previously owned by L W Packard Woolen Mill. This location has a horizontal Rodney Hunt 29 " type 80 Hi Test unit with an induction motor for a generator and 14' of head including the dam 12' and the penstock.

No changes were made to any of the facilities that would require NHDES or local approvals. Annual NHDES dam inspections have occasionally required routine maintenance but both facilities are in compliance. A full copy of Ashland Electric interconnection and purchase power agreement is attached and this covers both facilities. Ashland Electric owns and reads the meters and we can also monitor them remotely.

The local operator is Gerry Brooks, and he co-ordinates with Lee Nichols of Ashland Electric and Dan Mattaini of the NHDES to control the gates and adjust for changes in flow set at the state owned Squam River dam 10.01.

Lee Nichols has agreed that Ashland Electric 603-968-3083 will be responsible for reporting the metered output of both facilities directly to GIS at www.nepoolgis.com.

Please contact me at <u>aplane@cpamba.com</u> or by phone cell 603-401-2677 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Andrew P Lane

Enc: PPA Ashland Electric

#### PURCHASED POWER AGREEMENT

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#### BETWEEN

#### Squam River Hydro, LLC

#### AND

### TOWN OF ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARMENT

THIS PURCHASED POWER AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of January 1, 2012 by and between Squam River Hydro, LLC ("Seller") formerly known as the L.W. Packard Woolen Mill, Known as the Grist Mill and the Town of Ashland Electric Department ("Buyer").

WHEREAS, Seller owns a hydro-electric facility in Ashland, New Hampshire (the "Facility") and desires to sell the net output of electricity from the Facility to Buyer;

**WHEREAS**, Buyer is a New Hampshire municipal utility, which provides retail electric service in Ashland, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Seller seeks to sell, and Buyer seeks to purchase, electric power on a wholesale basis for use by Buyer in the operation of its municipal electric utility.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual obligations and undertakings set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. <u>Term</u>: This Agreement shall become effective on January 2, 2012 (the "Commencement Date") unless the parties shall agree otherwise in writing, and shall have an initial term of one year. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year terms unless terminated during any such successive one year terms by either party with ninety (90) days written notice or as set forth in Section 3(c) of this Agreement. The applicable provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect after the termination of this Agreement to the extent necessary to provide for final billing and billing adjustments, but all such billing and billing adjustments shall be made not later than six months following the termination of this Agreement. If information necessary to provide for any final billing or billing adjustment remains unavailable at the end of such six month period, such final billing or billing adjustments shall be made based on the good faith estimates of the parties.

# 2. Power Purchase

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a. Commencing on the Commencement Date, Seller shall sell and Buyer shall purchase from Seller all of the electricity produced by the Facility as measured at the meter located on Seller's property. Seller shall provide Buyer with prompt written notice of any material change in its ability to generate Power during the time this Agreement is in effect.

b. Buyer shall purchase the Power at a purchase price of \$.085 per kilowatthour ("kWh") (the "Purchase Price").

c. Seller's obligation to sell the Power provided for in Section 2(a) shall be excused only to the extent that, and for the period during which, such performance is prevented by Force Majeure affecting Seller.

# 3. Billing and Payment

a. Seller shall render a bill to Buyer reflecting the amount of Power delivered to it (the "Invoiced Quantity") for the prior calendar month by the tenth (10) day of the following month (the "Invoiced Amount"). Buyer shall calculate the amount of payment due by multiplying the Invoiced Quantity by the Purchase Price.

b. Bills may be based in whole or in part upon estimates. All amounts due which remain unpaid after the Due Date and through the end of the following calendar month shall bear interest at the annual rate of eighteen percentage points (18%). If any bill remains unpaid thereafter, any amounts due shall be subject to an additional amount of interest at one and a half (1.5) percentage points for each month that the bill remains unpaid.

c. Seller shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if any bill remains unpaid sixty (60) days from the Buyer's receipt of the bill. Seller shall provide Buyer with five (5) days written notice of its intent to terminate the Agreement based on Buyer's non-payment.

#### 4. Liability, Indemnification, and Insurance

a. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any duty, standard of care, or liability to, or any right in, any person not a party to it. Neither party shall be liable to the other party for any consequential or punitive damages.

b. Each party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party (the "Indemnified Party") (including its corporate parent, corporate subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, officers, directors, employees, successors, and assigns) from and against any damages or losses whatsoever, including but not limited to damages resulting from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Indemnifying Party, suffered by the Indemnified Party by reason of personal injury, death or damage to property directly or indirectly caused by, arising out of, sustained on, or in any way connected with the Indemnifying Party's use or operation of its own facilities in the performance of this Agreement, except that each party shall be solely responsible for, and shall bear all costs arising from, any such injury, death, or damage to third parties caused by or claimed to have been caused by the actions of the applicable party's own employees or contractors covered by any workers' compensation law.

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5. <u>Laws, Regulations, Orders, Approvals, Permits and Taxes</u>. This Agreement is made subject to all applicable present and future local, state, and federal laws and to the regulations or orders of any local, state, or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the matters set forth herein, and performance hereunder is conditioned upon securing and retaining such local, state, and federal approvals, grants, or permits as may from time to time be necessary with respect to such performance. Both parties agree to use their respective best efforts to secure and retain all such approvals, grants, and permits.

6. <u>Minimum Damages</u>. In the event that Seller terminates this Agreement as provided for in Section 3(c), Seller shall be entitled to minimum cover damages ("Minimum Damages"). Such Minimum Damages shall be equal to the amount to cover fully the difference (where negative) between the amount received by Seller for the resale of the Power purchased for Buyer and the price that Buyer would have paid for such Power if the Agreement had not been terminated. The amount determined to be due and payable hereunder as Minimum Damages shall bear interest at the annual rate of two percentage points over the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal through the date of payment by Buyer.

7. <u>Remedies</u>. Subject to the provisions of Article 7 hereof, upon either party's failure to perform any obligation of this Agreement, the other party, in addition to the rights described in specific sections of this Agreement, and except to the extent specifically limited by this Agreement, may exercise, at its election, any rights and claim and obtain any remedies it may have at law or in equity including, without limitation, compensation for monetary damages, injunctive relief and specific performance.

8. <u>Assignment.</u> The rights and/or obligations of a party under this Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9. <u>Interpretation</u>. The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be in accordance with, and controlled by, the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

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# 10. Force Majeure.

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a. "Force Majeure" shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the party claiming Force Majeure, including, without limitation, storm, flood, lightning, drought, earthquakes, hurricane, tornado, landslide, fire, epidemic, war, riot, sabotage, explosions, civil disturbance, labor dispute, act of God or the public enemy, action of a court, public authority or governmental entity, change in law, or inability to obtain necessary regulatory approvals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the following shall constitute Force Majeure hereunder: (i) the inability of a party to obtain financing at any time or from time to time; (ii) the failure or inability of a party to realize a profit or avoid a loss attributable to the performance of its obligations or the exercise of its rights under this Agreement; or (iii) the failure or inability of Buyer to use or resell the power made available to it by Seller.

b. A party shall be excused from performing under this Agreement, to the extent and for the period that the party's inability to perform is caused by a Force Majeure, provided that the nonperforming party promptly gives the other party written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure, and that the nonperforming party shall exert its best efforts to resume performance hereunder within the earliest practicable time following any such Force Majeure. A Force Majeure shall not excuse the obligations of either party under the indemnification provisions of Article 5.

11. Severability of Provisions. If any one or more provisions contained herein shall be finally determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to contravene, or be invalid under, any applicable provision of law, or shall at any time fail to be effective or operational for any reason other than a default under this Agreement, including without limitation disallowance or invalidation by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the matters contained in the Agreement, such contravention, invalidity, disallowance, or failure to be effective or operational shall not invalidate this entire Agreement, but such provision or provisions shall be severed from this Agreement, and the Agreement shall be construed as if not containing such provision or provisions, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly; provided, however, that no new obligation shall thereby be imposed on either party. The parties will negotiate in good faith to provide a substitute for such severed provision or provisions, but no such substitute shall be binding on either party unless set forth in a written document executed and delivered by each of the parties to this Agreement and filed with and accepted for filing by such regulatory authorities as have jurisdiction.

# 12. Miscellaneous.

a. Each party shall execute and deliver to the other party any documents reasonably required to implement any provision hereof.

b. Any number of counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and each shall have the same force and effect as the original.

This Agreement may be modified only by an instrument in writing signed C. by duly authorized representatives of all of the parties hereto.

d. Delay or failure of either party to enforce all or part of any provision of this Agreement, or to require performance by the other party of all or part of any provision hereof, shall not be construed as a waiver of such provision, or any other provision, or affect the validity of this Agreement, any part hereof, or the right of either party thereafter to enforce each and every provision.

All written notices or requests (including without limitation bills rendered e. pursuant to Section 3(b) shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered by mail, similar private carrier, telecopy, or other electronic means, to a party at the address shown below its name on the signature page hereto, or to such other address as may be hereafter designated in writing by such party to the other party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective authorized officers as of the date first written above.

SQUAM RIVER HYDRO, LLC

TOWN OF ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

By:

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Title: Manager

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By: Color

By: <u>Name:</u> Name: <u>Daniel Vaughn</u> Title: <u>Vice chair - Ashland Electric</u> Commission

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