

Question	Answer
25. Could a hydroelectric generation project that does NOT qualify as either a Class I or Class IV facility still possibly qualify for grant funding?	Yes.
26. Is it possible that RPS law (or, at least this grant solicitation) could be interpreted to support new hydroelectric projects at existing dams that do not result in any unmitigated adverse environmental effects, and in fact are likely to contribute to enhanced fish passage by installing the requisite upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and would have documented applicable state water quality certification pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act for hydroelectric projects?	Yes; such a hydropower project could be eligible to apply for, and receive, funding under this solicitation, but that same project, as described in your question, would not be eligible as a REC-producing resource under the RPS law.
27. We own a 500 kWh hydro facility in NH. Our facility is in compliance with the FERC license with downstream passage but we don't have upstream fish passage (not required under our license). As a result we don't qualify for NH RECs. It will cost about \$250K to upgrade our facility with an upstream fish passage so we can qualify for NH RECs. Would this project be eligible for the PUC grant program for commercial renewable energy projects?	From the limited information provided here, it sounds as if this project is eligible to apply for funding under this solicitation.
28. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I wanted to confirm that a thermal biomass facility used for heating purposes that does not generate electricity will be eligible for the grant? 2. Since this will not be an electricity generating facility it appears that it will not provide an increase in supply of NH RECs. Can you explain how this will affect your consideration and review of the application? And/or how this requirement applies in this case? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, that is correct. 2. The REC requirement (to increase the supply of NH RECs) does not apply to any otherwise eligible project under this RFP. Whether an applicant's project will produce RECs, however, may be one of many factors taken into consideration in funding decisions. Please note that in last year's RFP renewable energy grant awards, one of the projects that

<p>3. Regarding tons of CO2 avoided and/or reduced in section (G.a.ii) of the submission requirements. What does the PUC wish for us to use as a conversion rate for calculating avoided CO2 for various fuel sources including locally harvested wood chips?</p>	<p>received funding was for thermal energy and did not generate RECs.</p> <p>3. The PUC has not prescribed conversion rates; please state your own assumptions used in your calculations.</p>
<p>29. I am writing to get your feeling on whether or not we should submit a proposal for a project on a NH island which is currently in the planning stages....for many reasons, many of the required details listed in your proposal abstract are not yet available.</p> <p>From my reading of the RFP it appears that a project such as ours would be a good fit. But before I go much further with an application I want to touch base with you to see whether you think our project is mature enough to be competitive. If not are the prospects for another opportunity next year?</p>	<p>Based upon the limited information you have provided, not fully recounted here, it seems that your project is eligible to apply for funding under this solicitation. It is your decision, as the applicant, whether or not to proceed with a complete proposal submission. There will be another RFP issued for renewable energy projects in the commercial sector in 2013.</p>