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Re: DE 08-024, Pinetree Power Inc. Bethlehem Facility

Certification Application for Class III Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Shulock:

On February 11, 2008, Pinetree Power, Inc. submitted an application requesting conditional certification for the Bethlehem Biomass facility (Bethlehem facility) as a Class III facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard Law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends conditional approval noting that the Bethlehem facility's application was completed on March 24, 2008 with the exception of the Department of Environmental Services' (DES) approval of emission test results that would qualify the Bethlehem facility as a Class III renewable energy source.

Class III eligibility includes production of electricity from either eligible biomass technologies having a gross nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts (MWs) or less, or methane gas, provided the source began operation prior to January 1, 2006. The application indicates that the Bethlehem facility is a biomass facility that uses biomass fuels as defined in RSA 362-F:2. The Bethlehem facility is located at 1241 Whirefield Road, Bethlehem, New Hampshire and has a gross nameplate capacity of 17.1 megawatts. The initial commercial operation date was December 24, 1986. In addition, the applicant submitted its original interconnection study from Docket No DR 86-028 as Attachment B to its filing.

On March 12 2008, DES notified the Commission that it had received Pinetree Power's application and recommended certain conditions for approval of its certification.

The Commission has reviewed Pinetree Power's application in conjunction with the information received from DES and determined that Pinetree Power has provided all the necessary documentation to demonstrate that the Bethlehem facility is eligible for conditional certification as a Class III facility. Upon receipt of verification of compliance with emissions standards from DES, the Commission will designate the Bethlehem facility as eligible to produce Class III renewable energy certificates.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director and Secretary