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Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 08-024, Pinetree Power Inc.
Bethlehem Facility Application for Class III Eligibility Pursuant to
RSA 362-F
Staff recommendation for effective date

TO: Commissioners
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC: Tom Frantz, Director of the Electric Division
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On February 11, 2008, Pinetree Power, Inc. (Pinetree Power) 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 (RPS) legislation. On June 4, 2008, the Commission issued a secretarial letter granting conditional approval to the Bethlehem facility and stated that it would fully certify the facility upon receipt of verification of compliance with emissions standards from the Department of Environmental Services (DES). On June 9, 2008, DES notified the Commission that the emissions test results indicate that the Bethlehem facility can meet the emission requirements and DES recommended that the Commission fully certify the Bethlehem facility as a Class III renewable energy source eligible to produce renewable energy certificates (RECs).

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2505.04 (b), Staff recommends the Commission designate the Bethlehem facility as eligible to produce Class III RECs within 10 days of the notification from DES that the facility has met the emissions standards.