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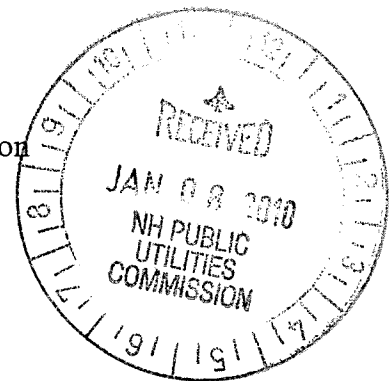
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation: DE 08-142, Facility Expansion of WM Renewable Energy, L.L.C.'s Chaffee Landfill RPS Class I Facility, Certification Code NH-I-08-019

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On August 24, 2009, WM Renewable Energy, L.L.C. (WMRE) submitted a letter notifying the Commission of the expansion of its Chaffee landfill methane gas facility (Chaffee facility) as required by the N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 2500. Previously, on December 22, 2008, the Commission had certified the Chaffee facility as eligible to produce Class I renewable energy certificates pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law and issued the facility the New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code NH-I-08-019.

WMRE's initial application indicated that the facility had a gross nameplate capacity of 4.8 megawatts. WMRE's August 24, 2009 letter stated that WMRE installed two additional 3516 engines, thereby increasing the gross nameplate capacity of the facility to 6.4 megawatts that began commercial operation on September 15, 2009. In response to Staff's request, WMRE submitted a copy of an updated power purchase agreement effective January 1, 2010 and an updated Title V Renewal Permit as proof of the expansion. Staff recommends the Commission grant the additional capacity as eligible to produce Class I renewable energy certificates effective September 15, 2009.