

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 08-143, Facility Expansion of WM Renewable Energy, L.L.C.'s
Mill Seat Landfill RPS Class I Facility, Certification Code
NH-I-08-020
Staff Recommendation

TO: Chairman Thomas B. Getz
Commissioner Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

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On February 17, 2009, WM Renewable Energy, L.L.C. (WMRE) submitted a letter notifying the Commission of the expansion of its Mill Seat landfill methane gas facility (Mill Seat facility) as required by the N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Previously, on December 22, 2008, the Commission had certified the Mill Seat 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-08-020.

WMRE's initial application indicated that the facility had a gross nameplate capacity of 4.8 megawatts. WMRE's February 17th letter states that WMRE installed two additional 3516 engines, thereby increasing the gross nameplate capacity of the facility to a total of 6.4 megawatts that was commercially operational on December 17, 2008. In response to Staff's request, on June 08, 2009, WMRE submitted portions of an updated power purchase agreement, dated March 4, 2009, as proof of the expansion. Staff recommends the Commission grant the additional capacity as eligible to produce renewable energy certificates effective June 08, 2009, the date on which Staff was able to verify that WMRE expanded its Mill Seat facility.