STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Intra-Department Communication

DATE: November 7, 2013 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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SUBJECT:

DE 13-256, Application for Registration as an Aggregator of Certified

Renewable Energy Sources

Staff Recommends Registration Be Approved

TO:

Chairman Amy L. Ignatius

Commissioner Robert R. Scott Commissioner Michael Harrington

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC:

Jack K. Ruderman, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division

Michael Sheehan, Staff Attorney

Summary

On September 13, 2013, Knollwood Energy of MA, LLC (Knollwood Energy) submitted a request to be registered by the Commission as an aggregator of RECs generated by customer-sited sources, pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506. Staff has reviewed the Knollwood Energy request and has determined that it meets the eligibility requirements under Puc 2506 and recommends approval effective September 13, 2013.

Analysis

Pursuant to Puc 2506.01 (a), a person not otherwise qualified to obtain certificates as a provider of electricity may purchase, combine, and re-sell whole or fractional certificates issued by the Commission to customer-sited sources¹ by registering as an aggregator. To qualify as an aggregator, the following must be provided:

- 1) The name of the aggregator: The applicant is Knollwood Energy of MA, LLC.
- 2) The address and telephone number of the aggregator: The office address provided for Knollwood Energy is PO Box 30, Chester, NJ 07930.

¹ Pursuant to RSA 362-F:2, V, and Puc 2502.13 "Customer-sited source" means a source that is interconnected on the end-use customer's side of the retail electricity meter in such a manner that it displaces all or part of the metered consumption of the end-use customer.

- 3) Identification of the independent monitor or monitors responsible for verifying the production of energy from the applicable customer-sited sources. The independent monitor will vary based on the decision of the system owner.
- 4) A disclosure of whether there is any family or business relationship between such independent monitor and the aggregator: Alane Lakritz, Knollwood Energy, provided the following statement: "Our customers will use the independent monitor recommended by their installer. We will have no, or very little, involvement in this decision."
- 5) A description of how the monitor will be compensated for its services: The Knollwood Energy application states that the services of the independent monitor will be paid directly by the facility owner.

In order to qualify as an aggregator of renewable energy certificates, Knollwood Energy obtained GIS project code, 14625.² Knollwood Energy will have each of its aggregated facilities obtain an independent GIS NON facility code.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the Knollwood Energy request for Commission approval as an aggregator for RECs generated from customer-sited sources and can affirm it is complete pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Knollwood Energy's registration request to be an aggregator of customer-sited sources in New Hampshire effective September 13, 2013.

² Knollwood Energy will have a New Hampshire account with separate NON numbers for each customer, therefore, the GIS assigned Knollwood Energy a GIS project number.