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Adam S. Kohler, P.E. Mechanical Engineer Kohler & Lewis Engineering 27 Mechanic Street Keene, NH 03431

Re: DE 14-320, Kohler & Lewis Engineering, Registration for Adam S. Kohler, P.E. as an Independent Monitor of Useful Thermal Energy Production

Dear Mr. Kohler:

On November 14, 2014, the Commission received an application from Kohler & Lewis Engineering, requesting independent monitor status for useful thermal energy production for Adam S. Kohler, P.E. As an independent monitor, Mr. Kohler will be authorized to verify useful thermal energy production for New Hampshire-based sources qualifying for renewable energy certificates (RECs).

Staff reviewed the application and filed a memorandum on December 12, 2014 finding that the application meets the requirements for certification inasmuch as Mr. Kohler is a licensed professional engineer in the State of New Hampshire in good standing. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the application meets the requirements for Mr. Kohler to be certified as an independent monitor of useful thermal energy production, pursuant to the Commission's Renewable Portfolio Standards rules, Puc 2505.09.

Independent monitors in the State of New Hampshire are subject to the following specific requirements:

- The independent monitor shall not receive compensation for monitoring services that is a function of the number of certificates issued to any source using the independent monitor.<sup>1</sup>
- No customer-sited source or source producing useful thermal energy shall use an independent monitor who is a member of the immediate family of the owner of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(j).

source, holds a direct or indirect ownership interest in the source, or who sold or installed the renewable energy system and associated equipment.<sup>2</sup>

The duties of the independent monitor of useful thermal energy production shall be:

- To perform an initial inspection of the source's meters for accuracy and capability to measure the useful thermal energy produced, unless the meter is owned by a distribution utility that has already inspected it pursuant to Puc 305;
- To measure quarterly the source's useful thermal energy production used to qualify for certificates pursuant to the GIS operating rules; and
- To report the production of useful thermal energy from the source and the REC calculation to the customer, to the GIS quarterly in accordance with the GIS operating rules, and to the Commission annually no later than January 31 for the preceding year.<sup>3</sup>

In addition, an independent monitor shall provide the Commission with notice prior to discontinuing services as an independent monitor.<sup>4</sup> If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact Commission staff.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: James Webb, NEPOOL-GIS Administrator

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(g).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(k).

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