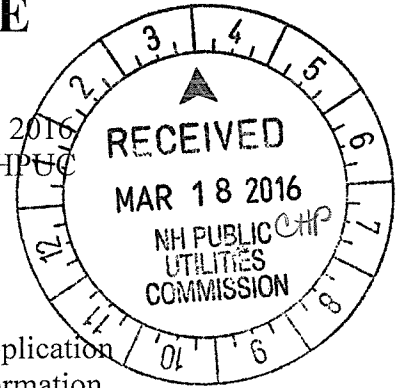



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 18, 2016  
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

**FROM:** Barbara Bernstein   
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**SUBJECT:** DE 15-107 Steel's Pond Hydro, Inc. Class I REC Application  
Request for Confidential Treatment of Financial Information

**TO:** Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman  
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner  
Kathryn M. Bailey, Commissioner  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

**CC:** Karen Cramton, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division  
David K. Wiesner, Staff Attorney

On February 18, 2016, Steel's Pond Hydro, Inc. (Steel's Pond), an applicant for Class I REC eligibility certification, submitted an analysis and supporting information intended to demonstrate that at least 80% of the federal income tax basis of its hydroelectric project's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investments directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity of the facility. Steel's Pond requested confidential treatment of this analysis and supporting information, on the grounds that this information is commercially sensitive and its release to the public would "harm its ability to compete against its numerous competitors."

Staff has reviewed the analysis and supporting information submitted by Steel's Pond for which it has requested confidential treatment, and Staff believes it may represent commercially sensitive financial information, as contemplated by RSA 91-A:5, IV, in which Steel's Pond has a significant privacy interest that outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of such information.

Accordingly, Staff recommends that this information be afforded confidential treatment by the Commission, and that the Commission waive any requirement to file a separate motion requesting such confidential treatment, pursuant to its authority under N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05.

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