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June 29, 2018

Jude Gates, Director of Facilities Planning
Rockingham County Engineering
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116 North Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

Re: REC18-085, RREC 18-0485 Rockingham County Finance Office Request for Authorization to Produce Thermal Renewable Energy Certificates Beginning on June 6, 2018, Waiver of Puc 2505.04(i)

Dear Mr. Gates:

On May 14, 2018, you filed on behalf of Rockingham County Finance Office (Rockingham County) a request that the Commission waive the provisions of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2505.04(i) to allow Rockingham County's thermal biomass facility, located at 116 North Road in Brentwood, New Hampshire, to produce Class I Thermal renewable energy certificates (RECs), beginning on its REC eligibility date rather than on the first day of the calendar quarter following its stack test. A waiver would permit certification of REC eligibility for the facility as of June 6, 2018, the date on which the complete application was submitted to the Commission, pursuant to Puc 2505.01(c).

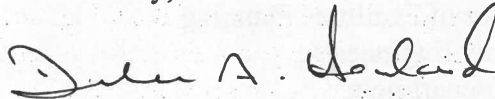
On June 25, 2018, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum summarizing its analysis of Rockingham County's rule waiver request. Based on its review, Staff recommended that the Commission grant a waiver of 2505.04(i) to permit the REC eligibility date for the Rockingham County thermal biomass facility to be certified as of June 6, 2018, the date on which its complete application was submitted to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the Rockingham County request and Staff's recommendation, and has determined that a rule waiver may be granted in this instance pursuant to Puc 201.05, because the limited waiver proposed would not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission and would serve the public interest, inasmuch as compliance with the rules would be onerous given the circumstances of the affected person and the purpose of the rules would be satisfied by the alternative method proposed.

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Accordingly, the Commission has granted a limited waiver of the otherwise applicable REC eligibility date requirements set forth in Puc 2505.04(i), so that the Rockingham County thermal energy production facility located at 116 North Road in Brentwood, New Hampshire can be certified as eligible to produce Class I Thermal RECs as of June 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being more prominent.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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