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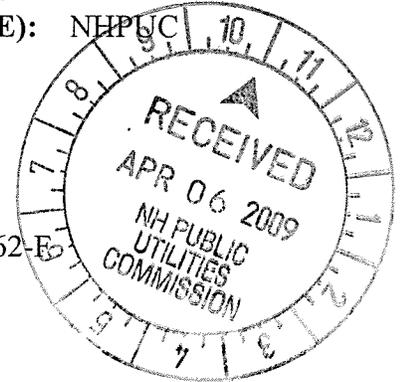
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SUBJECT: DE 009-034, Evolution Markets on behalf of Aldi Inc.
Application for Class II Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F
Staff Recommendation

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

CC: Jack K. Ruderman, Director, Sustainable Energy Division *JKR*
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Summary

On February 24, 2009, Evolution Markets submitted an application on behalf of Aldi Inc. requesting the Commission grant approval of the Aldi Inc. solar photovoltaic facility (Aldi facility) to produce Class II Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, II, Class II eligibility requires that a facility provide electricity from solar technologies and that it begins operation after January 1, 2006.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, the Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, must issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of a completed application. The Aldi facility is a solar photovoltaic facility and began commercial operation on December 31, 2008. The facility meets the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II and the applicant has complied with the N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500 and has provided all the necessary information. Based on its review of the application, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Aldi solar photovoltaic facility as eligible for Class II RECs.

Analysis

The Aldi facility is located at 295 Rye Street, South Windsor, Connecticut. The project's initial commercial operation date was December 31, 2008. It has a gross nameplate capacity of 0.5 megawatts. The NEPOOL GIS facility code has not yet been

obtained. Evolution Markets will provide the NEPOOL GIS facility code to the Commission as soon as it is obtained from the GIS administrator. The ISO-NE asset identification number is not applicable as the Aldi facility is a behind-the-meter source.¹

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (8), the applicant must submit proof that it has “an approved interconnection study on file with the commission, is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study.” The applicant submitted and Staff verified Aldi Inc.’s “Standard Fast Track and Study Process Generator Interconnection Agreement” with Connecticut Light and Power dated December 17, 2008.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (11), the applicant shall include a statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction’s renewable portfolio standards and proof thereof. The applicant stated that the facility has not been certified by another state.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed Evolution Markets’ application for the Aldi solar photovoltaic facility and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Aldi solar photovoltaic facility as being eligible for Class II RECs effective February 24, 2009, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source.

¹ Since the facility is a behind-the-meter source, its output is not recorded in the NEPOOL Market Settlement System. The application states and Staff verified that the facility’s daily electricity generation is monitored by Fat Spaniel. The URL is:
<http://view2.fatspaniel.net/PV2Web/merge?&view=PV/standard/Simple&eid=200554>