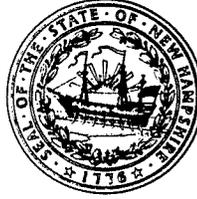


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April 7, 2010

John Wood
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Springfield Power, LLC
1660 Union Street, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: DE 09-104, Springfield Power, LLC
Certification Application for Class I and Class III Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Wood:

On May 29, 2009, Springfield Power, LLC (Springfield Power) submitted an application requesting the Commission grant approval of the Springfield Power biomass facility (Springfield Power facility) to produce Class I renewable energy certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. After discussions with Staff, Springfield Power modified its request. Its new request is two-fold: 1.) allow the facility to be eligible for Class III RECs, and 2.) allow the output in excess of the facility's historical generation baseline to be eligible for Class I RECs. Staff has reviewed the application and recommended that the Commission approve Springfield Power's request noting that its application was complete on February 25, 2010.

The application indicates that the Springfield Power biomass facility uses eligible biomass fuels as defined in RSA 362-F:2. The facility is located at 54 Fisher Corner Road, Springfield, New Hampshire. The Springfield Power facility began commercial operation in July 1988 as a 16 megawatt facility and added 2.0 megawatts in gross nameplate capacity that began commercial operation on October 25, 2009. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system facility code number is MSS 436.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, Class III eligibility requires a biomass facility to have begun operation prior to January 1, 2006. Incremental new production of electricity greater than the historical generation baseline from an eligible biomass source qualifies for Class I eligibility if the facility undergoes capital investments in efficiency improvement or capacity additions after January 1, 2006.

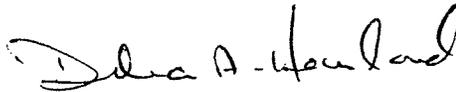
Springfield Power has demonstrated that the facility's capital investments increased renewable energy output as required under RSA362-F:4 I(i) and qualifies to receive Class I RECs for the annual generation that exceeds the facility's historical generation baseline. The company provided the historical generation baseline, defined in RSA 362-F:2 X (a), as the average annual electrical production from a facility other than hydroelectric, stated in megawatt-hours, for the three years 2004 through 2006. Springfield Power's average annual electrical production during that period was 118,530 megawatt-hours. Any electrical output that exceeds this historical generation baseline is eligible to receive Class I RECs.

The Commission has reviewed your application and determined that it has provided all the necessary information to demonstrate that the Springfield Power facility is eligible for certification as a Class III facility and that generation in excess of its historical generation baseline is eligible to receive Class I RECs. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies that the Springfield Power facility is a Class III renewable energy source effective February 25, 2010 and is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class III RECs. The Commission also certifies generation from the Springfield Power facility that is greater than its historical generation baseline as eligible for New Hampshire Class I RECs.

Springfield Power also filed a motion for confidential treatment of certain sections of its application, specifically *Attachment 1: Item 16* and *Attachment 6: Houlihan Lokey Report* pursuant to RSA 91-A:5 and Puc 203.08. RSA 91-A:5 states that New Hampshire exempts from public disclosure certain "confidential, commercial, or financial information." The company stated that the amount and description of capital additions listed in Item 16 and the Houlihan Lokey Report's facility valuation estimates contain commercially sensitive information. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Springfield Power's request because these attachments contain commercially sensitive information that, if publicly disclosed, could harm the competitive position of the company. The Commission hereby grants the motion for confidential treatment of Attachments 1 and 2 of the application.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Springfield Power biomass facility is NH-III-10-029 and the certification code for the generation in excess of the facility's historical generation baseline is NH-I-10-030.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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Re: DE 09-104, Springfield Power, LLC
Certification as a New Hampshire RPS Class I and Class III Facility Pursuant to RSA 362-F
New Hampshire Certification Code NH-I-10-030 and NH-III-10-029

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that, pursuant to RSA 362-F, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified Springfield Power, LLC's Springfield Power biomass facility as a Class III renewable energy source effective February 25, 2010 and is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class III renewable energy certificates (RECs). The Commission also certifies generation from the Springfield Power facility that is greater than its historical generation baseline of 118,530 megawatt-hours per year as eligible for New Hampshire Class I RECs.

The Springfield Power biomass facility has a gross nameplate capacity of 18 megawatts and is located at 54 Fisher Corner Road, Springfield, New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system facility code number is MSS 436. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Springfield Power biomass facility is NH-III-10-029 and the certification code for the generation in excess of the facility's historical generation baseline is NH-I-10-030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: John Wood, Springfield Power, LLC