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SUBJECT: DE 09-181 and DE 09-183, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Certification Applications for Class I Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F: Staff Recommendation

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Commissioner Clifton C. Below
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Summary

On September 21, 2009, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) submitted two applications on behalf of homeowners requesting the Commission grant approval of their wind power facilities at their residences to produce Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I, Class I eligibility requires a facility to have begun the production of electricity after January 1, 2006 and to use certain sources to produce electricity, one of which is wind energy.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, the Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, is required to issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of a completed application. The NHEC facilities are customer-sited wind power facilities that began operation in 2008 and 2009. The facilities meet the Class I eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, I. Based on its review of the applications, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the NHEC facilities as eligible for Class I RECs effective September 21, 2009.

Analysis

The NHEC facilities are customer-sited wind power facilities located in New Hampshire and began operation in 2008 and 2009. The facilities' gross nameplate capacities are 2.4 kilowatts (kW) and 2.6 kW. The details for each facility are listed in the following table.

Commission Assigned Docket #	Facility Owner	Facility Location	Equipment Vendor	Operation Date¹	Total kW listed in application
DE 09-181	Kevin Creel	237 Mountain Rd., Lempster, NH	DNL Energy	August 12, 2009	2.4
DE 09-183	Chris Read	169 Dale Rd., Center Sandwich, NH	Green Energy	December 11, 2008	2.6

Pursuant to Puc 2505.08, the applicant is required to submit a complete list of the equipment used at the facilities and certain information regarding the installer, seller and the independent monitor. Each facility's equipment vendor is listed in the previous table. Larry Mauchly installed the Creel facility and Frase Electric installed the Read facility. The ISO-NE asset identification numbers are not applicable as the facilities are customer-sited sources. Since the facilities are customer-sited sources, their output is not recorded in the NEPOOL Market Settlement System and, as a result, their output must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor pursuant to Puc 2505. The applications identify NHEC as the independent monitor; the Commission granted NHEC such status on May 12, 2009 in DE 09-006.

The applicant is also required to provide a copy of the interconnection agreement, proof that the applicant's distribution utility approved the installation and a signed attestation that the facility meets applicable building codes. NHEC provided a copy of the approved interconnection agreements with each facility and signed attestations that it, as the distribution utility, approves the installation of each facility. For each facility, each application included a signed attestation that was originally provided to NHEC indicating that each project was installed and operating in conformance with any applicable building codes. Staff recommends the Commission find these signed attestations have met Puc 2005.08 (b) (7) and (8).

¹ NHEC considers the operation date to be the date in which NHEC inspected the facility and installed a revenue quality meter to record the electricity that will be eligible for Class II RECs. This date is the installed date listed in Exhibit E of the applications and may be different than the installation and interconnection dates listed in the interconnection applications. The dates listed in the interconnection applications pertain to the installation and interconnection of the facility, not the revenue quality meter.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed NHEC's applications for two wind power facilities located at homeowners' residences and can affirm they are complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the NHEC facilities as being eligible for Class I RECs effective September 21, 2009, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facilities met the requirements for certification as Class I renewable energy sources.

