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Jeanette A. Sypek
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City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department
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Re: DE 10-151, the City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department
Certification Application for Class IV Certification Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Ms. Sypek:

On June 2, 2010, you submitted an application on behalf of the City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department (HG&E), requesting certification of fourteen small hydroelectric facilities located in Holyoke, Massachusetts (Holyoke facilities) as eligible to produce Class IV renewable energy certificates pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law.

On June 30, 2010, you responded to Staff's information requests clarifying that each of the fourteen hydroelectric power stations are physically and electrically separate facilities and that the only installed upstream and downstream fish passage is at the Hadley Falls Station where the opening of the canal system meets the Connecticut River.

New Hampshire's RPS law requires that an existing small hydroelectric facility has "actually installed both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and such installations have been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission." See RSA 362-F:4, IV. Inasmuch as the fourteen hydroelectric facilities listed in your application do not each have both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages, the Holyoke facilities do not meet the requirements set forth in RSA 362-F:4, IV. Accordingly, the Commission has denied your request to certify the Holyoke facilities as Class IV renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director