

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Intra-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation Re: DE 10-177 and DE 10-179, Conservation Services Group Certification Applications for Class II Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F on behalf of the Plainville Board of Education

**TO:** Chairman Thomas B. Getz  
Commissioner Clifton C. Below  
Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

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### *Summary*

On June 28, 2010, Conservation Services Group (CSG) submitted applications on behalf of the Plainville Board of Education requesting that the Commission grant approval of the Toffolon Elementary School and the Plainville High School customer-sited photovoltaic rooftop arrays (Toffolon and Plainville facilities) to produce Class II Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Class II eligibility requires that a facility produce electricity from solar technologies and that it began operation after January 1, 2006.

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 receipt of a completed application. The CSG applications were completed on June 28, 2010. The Toffolon and Plainville facilities meet the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II as Class II facilities and comply with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Based on its review of the applications, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the CSG facilities as eligible for Class II RECs effective June 28, 2010.

## *Analysis*

The facilities are customer-site photovoltaic rooftop arrays located in Plainville, Connecticut. The details for each facility are listed in the following table.

<b>Commission Assigned Docket #</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Facility Location</b>	<b>GIS Facility Code</b>	<b>Operation Date</b>	<b>Total kW listed in application</b>
DE 10-177	Toffolon Elementary School	145 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT	NON 32811	March 20, 2009	63.39
DE 10-179	Plainville High School	47 Robert Holcomb Way, Plainville, CT	NON 32810	October 20, 2008	154.37

Since the facilities are customer-sited sources, their output is not recorded in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Market Settlement System and, as a result, their output must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor pursuant to Puc 2505.09. The applications state that Peregrine Energy Group, Inc. is the independent monitor for both facilities.<sup>1</sup>

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.” CSG submitted copies of the Toffolon and Plainville facilities’ interconnection agreements with the Connecticut Light and Power Company dated January 15, 2009 and September 24, 2008, respectively.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (11), the applicant must indicate whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction’s renewable portfolio standard and provide proof thereof. Both the Toffolon and Plainville facilities have been certified in Connecticut and Massachusetts as Class I renewable energy sources.

## *Recommendation*

Staff has reviewed the Toffolon and Plainville facilities applications and can affirm that they are complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Toffolon and Plainville facilities as being eligible for Class II RECs effective June 28, 2010, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facilities meet the requirements for certification as Class II renewable energy sources.

<sup>1</sup> On September 10, 2009, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources certified Peregrine Energy Group, Inc. as a third party meter reader as provided in the NEPOOL Generation Information System Operating Rule 2.5 (j).

